

Pauma's Immigration Story

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My name is Jade and I love dogs, and I go to HTeNC. I learned about my grandma's immigration story. In our class we are learning about immigration, and that will help us know about other people and why they moved here.

When Pauma was little she had 10 brothers and sisters and she lived in Mexico. When Pauma was a little girl she had to make her own dolls if she wanted to play. She didn't have electricity or TV. She also had to work a lot because they just had like a little tiny store not like a big giant store, so they had to grow a lot of their own food. When my grandma was young she was poor but even though she had a little she was grateful for it.

In Mexico you could only go to school for free up to 6th grade and then if you were poor like her you couldn't go to school anymore. So she had to start working when she was 12 years old. She had to be a farmer for her family to eat.

When she was 16 years old her aunt told her "If you babysit my kids you can go to school." But she lied because she was just so busy babysitting the kids that she didn't get to go to school. It was really really hard for her to not learn and not speak English. She also didn't see her family.

But it was a lot better when her family came to America 2 years later, she hasn't seen them for so long. And she got a better job and she learned how to speak English. So she was much happier.

And now she lives in San Marcos and she got married and she has kids and grandkids. And she has a better life because she has some more money and she has a big store and she has a better job.

The thing I learned from my grandma's story is that it is important to pay attention in school, because not everyone gets to go to school. But anybody can have a wonderful life here and everybody can learn.