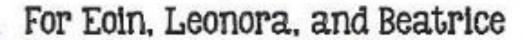


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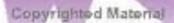
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# THE TRUTH ABOUT FIELD TRIPS

FRIDAY -

Diary, I am so excited!

Next week our class is going to do something called a *field trip*. When our teacher, Ms. Collier, first talked about it, I thought she meant we would take a trip to a field. We don't have fields up

here in the clouds, so I thought it sounded fun.

I was even more excited when my best friend, Claudia, explained things.

"A field trip is when you get to go



somewhere outside school," she said.
"We all pack bag lunches, and the school
bus will pick us up and take us
somewhere cool."

I gasped with excitement. "Like the post office?"

Claudia laughed. "Even cooler than that. This year, our class is visiting Oceanside Aquarium."

An aquarium! I love animals that live underwater, even though I haven't had much luck with taking care of them at home. Diary, I'm sure you remember the disaster that happened when I tried to set up an aquarium in my room.



Luckily, we hadn't bought any fish yet.

That was back when my winter magic
used to slip out without my control.

I know for sure nothing like that will
happen again.

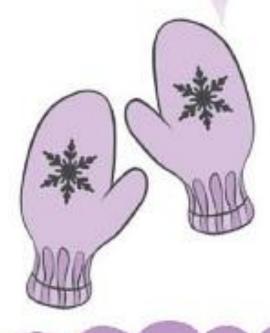
This field trip is going to be so cool.

I wish we could go tomorrow. But

tomorrow is Saturday, which means the only trip I'll be taking is to Granddad's castle.

Saturdays are for Winterheart practice.

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#### FAMILY NEWS

#### SATURDAY =

I used to hate coming to Granddad's castle on Saturday mornings. But that was before I learned I'm a Winterheart. Mom and Granddad are both Windtamers, which means they can control the wind and weather. I always

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# THE ART OF SURPRISE

#### # FRIDAY #

Dear Diary,

I've said this before, but I'll say it again: There is nothing I love more than school.

Except my family.

And my dog, Gusty.

Okay, and maybe my best friend, Claudia.

Okay, and maybe mango-andwhipped-cloud pudding-but you get the picture!

If the kids at school knew about my real life—that I'm a princess with magical winter powers who lives in a palace in the clouds—they'd probably wish we could trade places. But I just love knowing that when I walk through the doors of Hilltop Science and Arts Academy, something exciting is going to happen.