

MY TENACITY STORY

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I am going to be writing a story about Tenacity from the beginning to the middle, and until now.

Beginning

I started Tenacity when I was in the 6th grade in the Mary E. Curley Middle School. Tenacity came to our school and introduced us to what Tenacity was like and how it was going to be and what kinds of things we were going to be doing.

When it was my first day in Tenacity me and my BFF Cristina were kind of scared or maybe even nervous because we felt like people were going to make fun of me because of the way I hit the ball.

What I remembered was that we had to go in Alphabetical order so that way people would know our names and who was in and now joining Tenacity and those people were Amalia, Sheyna, Cristina, Nadia, Shaneka, Luis, Juan, Ely, Omar, Miguel, Chenelle, Tutu, Sandy, Chelsea, Jose, Nicole, Vickie, and Angela, and other people too.

I also remembered that we had good snacks, some that I never had and they were good. Anyways, we got to play a little bit of tennis until they introduced us to literacy groups for the kids who never been to Tenacity before. They told us a lot of things that would be going on in Tenacity like field trips games and tennis matches and thing also like the end of the year ceremony.

The first person to help me with my tennis was my teddy bear Sheyna. She told me that when I was hitting the ball I have to follow through and make sure it goes over the net. Then the second person was Chenelle she told me that I was pretty and that I have a nice smile so most likely she hung out with me throughout the whole day talking about things that I liked to hear. In the 6th grade everything was brand new to me because I only played tennis when I was little and I didn't even know what I was doing until now.

Those days I got to know everyone a little bit better I knew their names but the people I was and still am close to are SHEYNA and Chenelle.

7th Grade (second year in Tenacity)

When I was in the 7th grade and I was still going to Tenacity I knew everything so nothing was actually new to me, it was all the same; The backhand forehand serve, rally and highball. At first Tenacity was fun but now it's kind of boring because everything is the same but after a while it got kind of fun. There was one time when I had so much fun because we used to beat up on each other, have fun, and chase each other.

Literacy Block

In literacy block we do tons of things like write in our journal to whom ever

wrote to you. The second thing we do is listen to the Tenacity announcements or talk about our weekend or what happened on the news. Then the last thing we do is go in our literacy groups and get started on a project or reading our book and we will even talk about what's going on in the book.

Tennis

In tennis the things that we do are 1. Exercise 2. Free tennis 3. Play tennis altogether. Most of the time we just hang out on the bleaches or we walk around the track having our own kind of fun.

BUS RIDES

After school we wait for the bus to take us to Reggie and sometime we would be surprised and we would have the trolley and it was very nice. The outside of the trolley was white and then when we went inside the bus we saw it was like royalty; the railings were gold and the seats were red, the chairs were different it was like for little toddlers but it was kool with a capital KOOL.

Field Trips

The field trips that we would go to were hiking, bike riding, tennis matches, Boston Bowl, and the Movie Theater. Sometimes we would go as a whole group and sometimes in small groups outside of Tenacity.

Boston Bowl

On February 17TH, 2007 we went to Boston Bowl just for fun. I was actually the one who ever planned

it. They did a good job and it was fun because we bowled at least 3 games and I also got to hang out with my 2 crazy friends, Nadia and Cristina. We had pizza but it was kind of nasty. We also got to go to the arcade and it was very fun.

Rhode Island

There was this time when we {meaning me and Nadia} went to Rhode Island on Martin Luther King Day. It was fun because me and Nadia were going wild. Well, Nadia was, she started singing like crazy. We saw lots of things in the Tennis Hall of Fame like a big screen TV with two tennis pros one of the players Michel Chang and some other tennis pro. Then after that, Jelani took us to eat at a restaurant in Rhode Island. The funny part of that evening was when Nadia had both her and my soda with the straws in them; she put both in her mouth and acted like walrus. After that the soda spilled on me and it was so cold, it kinda looked like I urinated on my self. The lunches that Nadia and I had were onion rings, two hotdogs, two bacon cheese burger and fries. Next we left to CVS and Nadia and I bought a lot of candy. Then after that Jelani took us to see the mansions and some of them looked like museums. After the Mansions we went to Boston. Then we went **BYE BYE!!!**

Conclusion

Those were some of the days that have happened in Tenacity. I hope more good things happen in the future, too.