

An essay by

I didn't think busing was very fair. I think everybody should be able to go to whatever school they want to. The busing is too much trouble and money. Why do they have busing? They should have left everything alone.

I thought integration would be terrible because all the whites and blacks would always be fighting. And all the teachers would always be breaking up fights and I wouldn't learn anything and I'd get hurt in a fight or riot. I was scared because I thought I wouldn't know anyone in the room.

This September was mixed up. Everyone taking a bus and nobody knew where they were supposed to go. I hardly knew anyone. In a couple of weeks I knew some of the kids, and the school and the teachers. Everyday I have to take a bus and it's sort of fun. In December we had a Christmas party, it was fun, we watched movies then we listened to music. Some of the kids were dancing. The whole day was fun. Then came February vacation. I had lots of fun in the snow, sledding and ice skating. After vacation we went roller skating, it was fun holding hands and going around around the rink. It was fun until a girl broke her arm but we still had lots of fun. Then we went to Hale Reservation in April. We split up into groups, observed animals and how they lived. In March we started to go on zoo trips. Some of them were fun, some of them were boring. Pretty soon we are going to the Prudential. I think it will be fun. Some parts of this year were fun, but some things weren't. Most of the trips were real fun. But I think some were real boring.

Next year I'm looking forward to going to Girls' Latin. But I'm not certain if I passed the test or not. I hope that whatever school I go to I'll make new friends. I think next year will be better because some of the kids will be used to an integrated school. I'm really looking forward to being in a nice school with nice kids and teachers.