

Kid Profile: Chaney Briggs

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Every Wednesday and Friday of each month, 3rd grader Chaney Briggs goes to Planet Gymnastics and practices her vaults, tumbling, and bars. Chaney works out and practices every day for about an hour at her house also.

Chaney loves to do gymnastics. She says, "It's loads of fun, I want to exercise myself, I want to be famous, and I want to go to the Olympics."

Chaney started when she was four years old and since then she's enjoyed it a lot. It also helps that her parents



want her to participate in it, so she knows that she will always have their support. They have been there to support her through the two competitions that she has participated in. Chaney has

even won one medal.

Chaney says she feels frustrated sometimes when she just can't get a move right or messes up during a routine. Sometimes, she feels like she wants to quit.

Other times, it's like all she ever wants to do is gymnastics and she forgets about her homework and every thing else.

Chaney is 9 years old and is an only child.

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Their skit was about being on a ship going to an island. One of the cars causes a volcano to erupt and the other two cars cause pollution. The 4th graders said their performance went okay except for one mistake: One of their cars did not get to its destination.

The 4th graders returned in the afternoon for a spontaneous project with their coach, Mrs. Miller, and 4th grade parent and Brookfield Parent Association president, Jennifer Benton. The spontaneous question was, "Think of a word that has can in it."

The 3rd grade group had the same spontaneous project. Their skit, however, involved taking a classic story and changing it. Their coach is 3rd grade parent Lynn Cone. The 3rd grade team has been meeting every Monday since November, with additional Saturday meetings since February. Their skit was about Prince Shihuandi from one of the Chinese dynasties. Prince



Shihuandi gets advice from his evil advisor to kill all of the prince's scholars, burn all of the books, and last, build an army of soldier statues to protect him from dying. This army is the well-known Army of Terra Cotta Soldiers.

Because the 3rd graders' long-term project was "Classics... Put a Spin on It," the 3rd graders provided their own ending about how the Terra Cotta soldiers came to be in China. They said that Prince Shihuandi dies and goes to Heaven, where God tells him that he was a very

mean leader. Then Prince Shihuandi is willing to make up for his actions by giving the people of China his army of soldiers as an apology.

The team was required to write a poem eight lines or longer and also make a prop that changes the scene. Their props were two cardboard figures of some of the Terra Cotta soldiers that were lying down at the beginning of the skit so that no one could really tell what they were. In the middle of the skit, they were pulled into an upright position.

The winning 3rd Graders will go on to the State OM competition in April.