



**MICAH STARK**

is a 6th grader at Copley-Fairlawn Middle School. He plays trombone and enjoys sports, especially running and basketball. Micah likes to travel and visit new places; his family and friends are very important to him. His goal is to become an architect.

In my fourth grade class we had a new student come from Saudi Arabia, he couldn't speak English.

One day at recess I saw him walking around to find someone to play with, when he came upon a group of boys that were laughing at him. They said he couldn't speak English and he didn't belong in the U.S. I had had enough; I went over and grabbed his arm pulling him away. As we left I told the other boys to knock it off, it wasn't cool. The next day I played with him at recess where we kicked a soccer ball around. I also helped him learn the names of the different playground balls and equipment.

That experience still disturbs and saddens me today. I know that everyone is different. I also know the other boys wouldn't like it if they were picked on when they went to another country and couldn't speak that language.

A couple of my friends and I told the other boys to stop teasing him. We also played with the new student and helped him learn English so he would fit in better. I think we should all be friends with those who don't have friends and help other people through their struggles.