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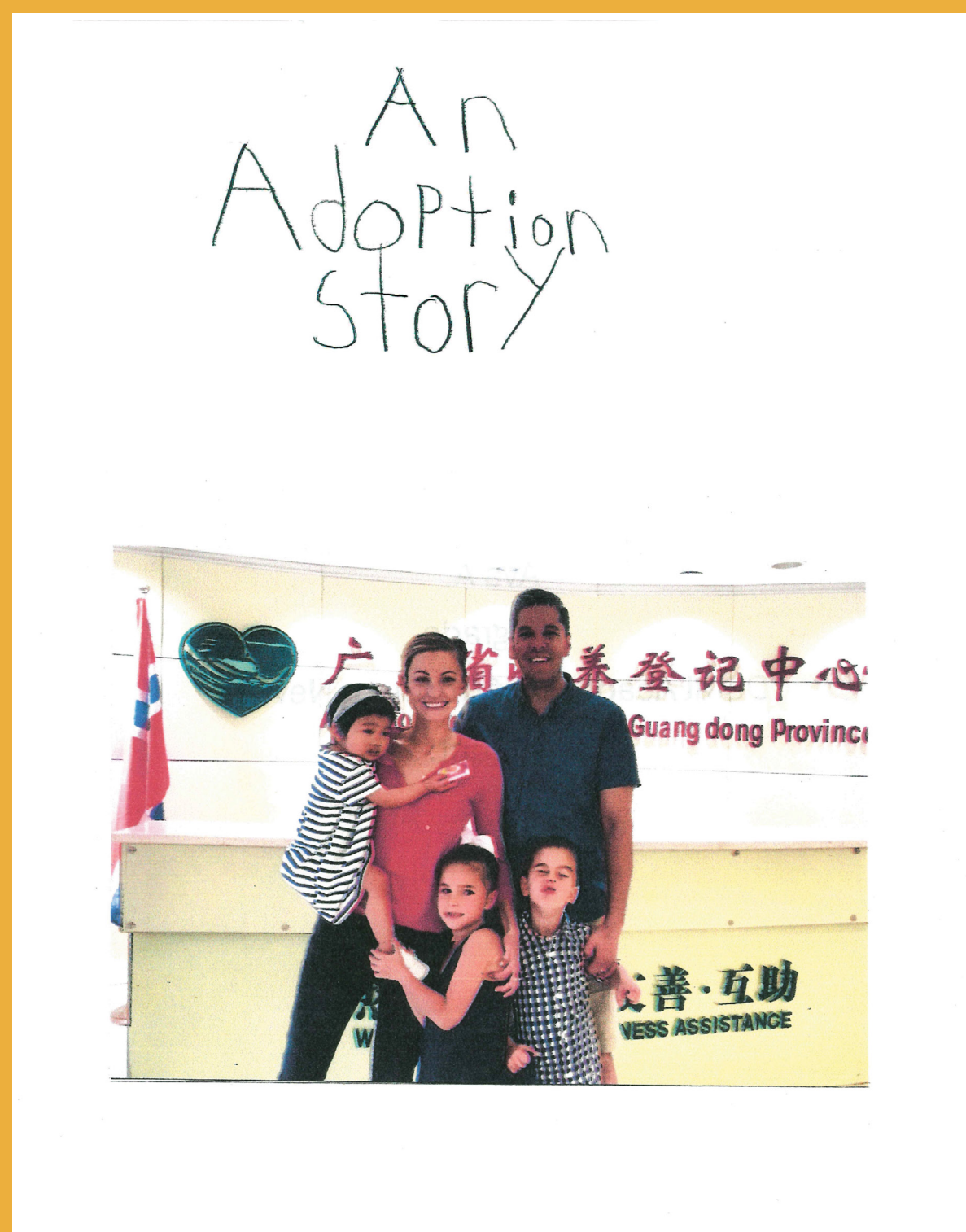
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SECOND GRADE: 3rd Place

"An Adoption Story"

by Ava

Individual



There was once a baby girl named Sun Hong Xuan. She lived in an orphanage in Guangzhou, China. She had short black hair and she wore thick layers of clothes all the time, even in the summer! She loved her orphanage ayis (nannies), but her heart wanted a family.

The baby girl slept in a room with tons of other kids, and they cried all the time. She didn't get enough sleep, and she didn't eat healthy food. Sometimes the ayis played with the orphans, but it was not the same as having a mommy, a daddy, and a brother and sister.

When Sun Hong Xuan was 2 years old, a family from Reno, Nevada finally got to travel to China to adopt her! They named her Ava and fell in love with her immediately. But on Ava's adoption day, it was harder for her. She felt scared, confused, and sad to leave her ayis.

Over the next few weeks spent in China, Ava learned that having a new family was pretty fun! She suddenly had a brother and sister to play with, a mommy to cuddle, and a daddy to tickle her!

Ava has been a member of her family for almost 6 years. She skis, plays club soccer, loves school, has tons of friends, and has a gigantic family who loves her. She would love to go back to China and visit her orphanage and her ayis, eat the food, and see the country.

Ava is happy, loved, and healthy. She has traveled to London, the Bahamas, Disney World, Disneyland, New York, Mexico, & loves the Chinatown in San Francisco! She makes her family of 5 complete.

