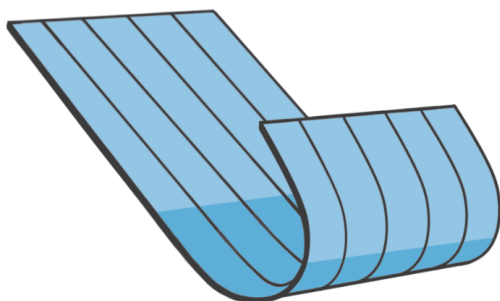




Bring on the Break

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Dear Diary,

This weekend is the start of Hilltop Science and Arts Academy's winter break, and I have to say I'm pretty excited.

Don't get me wrong, I love school. What's not to love?

My best friend, Claudia, sits
next to me in class. ✓

Ms. Collier is the coolest
teacher ever. ✓

I get to be a regular kid, and
no one knows I'm actually a
princess. ✓



But even though school is awesome,
I'm looking forward to having no
homework for a little while. Ms. Collier
did give us one assignment, but it
actually sounds fun.

“Class, I want you all to keep a Science Observation Notebook over the break,” she told us this morning.

“Whenever you notice science in action, write it down in your notebook. It can be anything we’ve learned about in class: animals, moving objects, weather . . .”

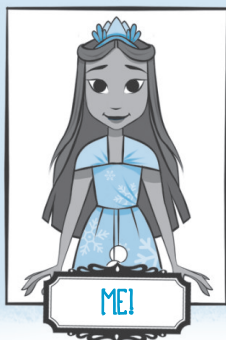
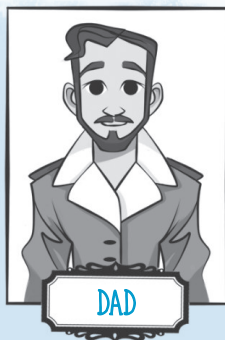


Claudia nudged me. "Speaking of weather, when are you going to make it snow?" she whispered. "I haven't *observed* a single snowflake yet."

"Very funny," I whispered back. "You know I can't use my powers at school."

This year I learned that I'm a Winterheart, which means that I have magic powers over ice and snow. Most of my family members are Windtamers (they can control the wind and weather).

It's great to finally know why my magic is always icy, especially because it has helped me keep my powers under



control. I can't let anyone at school know about my royal status or my magic (except for Claudia, of course). The only downside is that I can't go out on the playground right now and make a blizzard! Claudia's right—we

could use a little winter fun around here.

But the number one reason I'm excited for the break is that Claudia and I have Big Plans. Big Sleepover Plans.

I can't wait, Diary. Bring on the winter!