

"Dragons"

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Being on the volleyball court felt different than being on a soccer or baseball field. At first, I wasn't really used to it. To me it felt a little off, but as I would play more and work with my team, I got used to it. I had never played volleyball until my second year of middle school. I was in 8th grade not really knowing the main rules to follow, but in the beginning I played from what I knew. The whole volleyball season was great. We improved so much as a team, since the very first game and practice to the very last game. For example, in our first game we all didn't really know how to work as a team and do "pass, set, hit" to the opposite team, but then at the last game we knew how to do "pass, set, hit" and communicate with each other to go into defense and serve receive. After every game, Chela would call the whole team over to have a discussion and tell us what we need to work on and start doing more of. We would sometimes also have our little days, where they weren't our best, so we would talk to each other as a team and tell each other what we should focus or work on. Sometimes we could get a little frustrated with one another for not communicating, because if we can't talk to each other and communicate, it's hard to work as a team and try to get points in a game. Not only did we all improve as a team, but I feel like we all improved for ourselves. In other words, I think each and every one of us have a little accomplishment that we've made during this season. What I accomplished was I wanted to be a setter, and I wanted to be able to do a overhand serve by the end of the volleyball season. I knew that it wasn't going to be easy but at the sametime, I told myself I can do it even though it might take some time, I can do it. We all had our own things that we wanted to accomplish, and we all helped to encourage one another when we did something good. For instance, if someone were to do either a good set or a good serve, we would always tell them good job keep doing what you're doing. And if it wasn't their best we would still say good job, keep trying you'll get it next time. Throughout the season, it was also a little challenging because of school and staying on top of all my work for classes then doing volleyball, but even though it was hard, I still did it, and I also gave it my all both at school and at

volleyball. Even though it was hard I think choosing to do volleyball this year was a good choice, and I wouldn't want to change that.