

'We plan to go to several summer camps, and also to our usual summer holiday trip to the seaside,' the SOS mom tells. While waiting for the sea, they have installed an inflatable pool at their backyard. 'Children enjoy splashing in water at warm sunny days. When the weather is good and there is no rain, some of them even sleep in a tent outside the house,' she says.

They still have their animals. Their cat Fredis is not so adventurous any more. 'After he got lost a couple of years ago, he better stays home now. He goes out just for a moment, sniffs around and comes in again,' tells one of the sisters. They also have a hamster. 'He is funny and quite big. Sometimes he decides to run in his wheel at night and makes lots of noise.'

Best wishes from Annija

Annija is 7 years old and she finished the 1st grade. 'Teachers are saying just good words about the girl. I am really proud of her,' the SOS mom tells. 'She is smart and quick, good in reading and counting. The girl knows the time well and recognizes how many minutes she has to wait till some event. She enjoys going to school as there are many children.'

In her free time, Annija sings in the school's choir and goes to folk dance classes. 'But best of all I like basketball trainings. We play interesting games there. And many of my friends from kindergarten go there, too,' the girl tells. At school, her favourite are sports classes as well.

Annija continues participation in community activities, where they are making animation movies together with her siblings and other children. 'It is very interesting because we not only draw, but also make figures from plasticine. Then we record sound, too,' she explains.

'I was cooking dinner for everybody yesterday,' Annija proudly tells. Her mom says the meal was very tasty. 'At first, we planned, what to buy, then went shopping. Then we baked sausages and potato chips, and cut salad. We ate outside, in the yard, as the weather was good,' the girl tells. 'My mom helped me – but just a little, because I am already a big girl!'

Annija also sings in the children's ensemble of the village. 'We had a nice concert in the town's children library recently,' she remembers. The girl plans to go to a sports camp together with her teammates in summer.

Recently I asked the children: 'If you meet friends from another country, what Latvian word would you like to teach them?' Annija said it would be 'LABDIEN!' which means 'GOOD DAY!'. 'It is because at first I will say hello and then we will play together,' she explained.

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