



Margarett Buker Grade VIII
Pond School

The first time I can remember of seeing Pond School, was about nine years ago and things have changed since then. The playground was very slack looking. The inside was different also. The seats were double, The stove was rusty, the library consisted of a number of torn study books which were piled on top of a broken desk, the walls were not painted and no pictures hung on them as they do today there were no posters, the blackboards were not very good, there were no shelves with interesting things on them, the teacher's desk was a table with four rickety legs and the water jar set on a stool in the corner. The discussion of how we should care for our teeth and how we should wash our hands would have been considered a nuisance. The reading of flower stories would have been nonsense. But things have changed considerable. Where the old double seats used

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