**Write a letter to one of your grandparents describing how you and your friends celebrated a festival with some physically challenged children. Narrate how the experience was different and special.**

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Dear Grandpa,

I received your letter yesterday and I am happy to know that you and grandma are celebrating an amazing Diwali at our village with your old friends and family. Even I had a very special Diwali yesterday when I went to a school for physically challenged children at Airoli. I took out time and along with my friends I went there to share the happiness of this auspicious festival with those unfortunate yet contented children.

This Diwali I and my friends decided to be s little more ‘human’, and add some light in the lives of the physically challenged children who don’t really get to enjoy this festival of light and high spirits. So we took the help of the school teachers of their school – ‘Dayanand Saraswati school’, for hosting a Diwali part for them. We decided not to burn too many crackers but instead light lamps and do some activities. The school was quite small but it had a small ground which we decorated with handmade lamps and we also hung some colourful lights. There were six teachers, ten of us and sixty underprivileged and handicapped children present at the little feast. We started the celebration at noon by surprising those children with Diwali gifts like stationery books and toys.

Those gifts lit their faces up and gave us satisfaction. Everyone was pretty ecstatic for the next activity which was pottery. There were so many unfortunate children there, that I thought I would breakdown at any moment. Some had lost their limbs, some had epilepsy while some had visual and hearing impairment. Thus, we called some helpers to help those physically disabled children, in the various activities. All the children were filled with glee and gratitude for being a part of the event, but there was more to come! The pot making activity was followed by a lip smacking lunch. Thereafter I narrated the story related to Diwali which signified the victory of good over evil. I was pleased to see that the children were quite engrossed in the story. Evening was taking over the bright day and thus we decided to light the lamps and also burst some less harmful fire crackers. We first educated about certain safety measures and gave them a few instructions. The children were full of beams and so were we. The smile on their faces was lit up in those lamps that they lit. After an enthralling session of fireworks and lamps we decided to end the feast with sweets made by our very own mothers. The children enjoyed the sweets thanked us and bid us a wonderful farewell. No wonder this was one of the most special and unique Diwalis of my life.

Yours lovingly,

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