The Beauty Around Me

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Everyday is a gift and it is beautiful in its own ways. Beauty is not just all the pretty shapes and colors we see everyday in the streets or at work; beauty includes the important values of goodness, truth and justice. For example, art. Art is the expression or application of human creative skill and imagination. People think that art is beautiful when it is flawless and meaningless. The best artworks are the ones that tell a story and inspire you. Every time I come back from my badminton class, I always see the incredible orange sun shining bright in my eyes and the gorgeous sunset falling from above the sky. Everyday when I come back from school or camp, I always see the flowers blooming from the bright green grass, the multi-colored leaves slowly falling from the trees forming piles and piles. In winter, I love watching the shimmering fresh white snow falling from above our heads and the burning fire in the fireplace fizzling while we get warmed up. Beauty is all around us when we open our eyes to see it.

Beauty is not just objective; it is also subjective. The beauty within us makes it possible to recognize the beauty around us. Makeup is not the key to prettiness, it is your personality and your uniqueness that counts. Without flaws everyone would look exactly the same and everyone would know everything like a robot. What is the point? For example, attraction. Would you rather be pretty but mean, or ugly but friendly? Actually no one is ugly. Our flaws are what makes us beautiful and unique. In the book *Wonder*, August, a little boy, got 27 plastic surgeries at birth. But Jack Will noticed the true August and his kind personality. They ended up being best friends despite Auggie's plastic surgeries. The beauty inside of us lets us truly recognize the beauty around us. The proof is in the pudding and no matter how much makeup you put on, you will still have the same personality and the same passion inside of you as you had before the makeup. Next time you take a walk, make sure to enjoy the fresh air, and the beautiful nature that surrounds us.