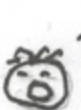


Hi Girls and Boys.

I was born  Baby Pat in El Paso, Texas, a desert city right next to


Mexico. My family liked to go to the Mexican market, the *merdado*, and buy delicious candies and wonderful toys. My two sisters and brother and I liked to play in our backyard too. We liked our swing

set,  slide, , and what we called our merry-go-round. Our

sweet dad had someone make it for us. We'd run to push it, and then we'd jump on. 

On hot summer days, we liked to run through the sprinklers

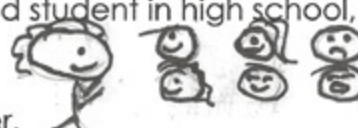
 or cool off in a blow-up wading pool. 

Four grown-ups often lived in our home, Mom and Dad, our grandmother and a very special aunt. 

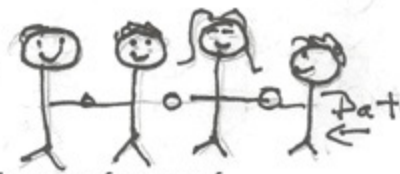
Our grandmother spoke Spanish. The rest of us spoke English and Spanish. I feel very lucky  to be bilingual!

I always liked to read and to go to the library

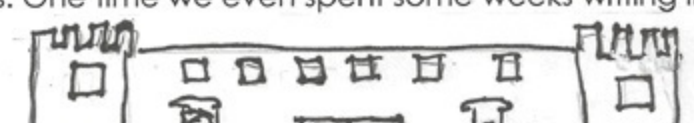


All that reading helped me to be a good student in high school, college, and then to become a teacher. 


My three children. They are taller than I am!



I live in Santa Fe, New Mexico now. My husband is a professor of archaeology.  We have traveled to many

countries. One time we even spent some weeks writing in an Italian castle! 

I like to visit with my family and friends. I like the desert and

taking care of my plants inside and outside.  I like to

read, write, and to talk about my books. I like to hug, and I really like

to laugh. What do you like to do?

