Raami Shaami admire the beauty of nature

"Tuk...tuk........tuk" went on the parrot perched on the mango tree enjoying the raw fruit on which it was nipping with its beak. Lying idly and silently under the same tree was Raami musing at the sight. So much lost was she in admiring the scene that she did not hear her sister Shaami who had quietly crept in beside her.

“What are you doing here, gazing at the tree, day dreaming or what?” asked Shaami to which Raami replied, “I wish sometimes, if I were a bird, then I would fly up high in the sky and touch these soft soft white clouds, come down and sit on all the colorful flowers and just sip in their nectar”. “Just look at that parrot, it does not have to worry about examinations or results, all what it is bothered about is its food”, Raami went on, and Shaami only nodded and added, “Yeah, I too wonder sometimes that there is so much of beauty all around us to see, touch, and hear. Isn’t nature is so miraculous?” “And every time we look at something, we find something worth appreciating”.

The twins would have continued their admiration had they not been interrupted by a loud murmur of children talking. It was then that Shaami remembered something “Oh my God! I forgot to tell you, Suma Didi was supposed to come along with the Nature Club children from different schools for a “poetry reading session”. Saying this, she pulled out a thick bundle of papers from her shoulder bag and handed it over to Raami. “See, all these are the poems written by children, these were the entries received by the Heritage Amruth Team in response to the contest that was announced in the February issue. Reality, it was such an amazing response, the entries just kept on pouring in, and it was so tough for the judges to decide the winners, as all the poems were so delightful! Come, let’s go and meet all the young poets and nature lovers”, and the twins made their way towards their favourite Suma Didi.

“Hi there Raami & Shaami”, squealed Suma meeting her new friends and you can learn a lot. You can enjoy the status of becoming a kid’s channel news reporter today, and can talk to all these children regarding their views and learning’s from Nature”. The twins could already feel themselves swelling at their elevated status. Suma Didi introduced the twins to all the children and said, “Do you all know that Nature can bring in a lot of beauty into our lives?” And she continued answering, “Nature has a way of affecting our moods and it can force us to change our plans. Nature is responsible for the sun, clouds, rain and snow. When it is sunny and bright outside, we feel cheerful inside. When it is cloudy and rainy, we often feel gloomy, isn’t it?”

“Yes, but today it is so bright and pleasant that we all feel like singing and dancing and making merry”, cooed the children in a chorus. There was a look of happiness on every child’s face as nature was already showing its real elements. Loud applause was heard after each poem recital and the twins later interviewed the prize winners, mimicking a TV reporter with a mike. Renuka D., a student from Seshadripuram High School expressed her views on Nature as “I want to learn how I can make my life useful in some way or the other like the nature is useful for all of us”, while Pallavi G from the same school said “I want to be nice and fragrant like Jasmine and Champak flowers and as sweet as a sugarcane”.

It was an indescribable fun the whole day in the lap of nature. The children played a lot of games, learned to identify so many new plants and flowers, went on a short nature walk and no one was ready to leave in the evening when Suma Didi reminded them about the time. She ended the session with a small prayer saying, “when we wake and see a sunrise when we walk and feel a breeze, when we gaze at the mountains and the splendour of the sea, when we see the earth renew its beauty at each season of the year, and when the stars shine at night; We should be so very thankful to the Lord for giving us all these wonderful and miraculous things”.

Later in the night, Raami and Shaami went to sleep on their terrace. Lying beneath the vast dark sky, they tried counting the stars up above the world so high! Far beyond, an owl was hooting...... Slowly, the girls drifted into a deep slumber!

In their dream, Raami and Shaami shared with their young Heritage Amruth readers some of the prize winning entries that capture Nature’s mood and majesty. TURN OVERLEAF!

They may evoke some memories and dreams and the twins hope that all the readers would find something to enjoy.