Film activate:
The weirdest of punishments

1
Palindrome words can be read the same forward and backward. Let’s imagine a palindrome name for yourself with 5 letters just like Anina’s. Pick the letter that it begins and ends with and one unique middle letter. Then add one more letter that repeats in the empty spaces left. Keep changing it until you find the one you like. Can you make a palindrome name similar to yours or another one in case yours already is?

Example of palindrome words:
3 letter palindromes: dad, mom, Bob
4 letter palindromes: Anna, noon, sees
5 letter palindromes: level, madam, radar, Anina

2
Each character had a role to play in Anina’s journey toward empathy and understanding but the principal’s punishment kept Anina intrigued and attentive toward Yisel’s behavior. She saw Yisel as “the elephant” at the beginning but changed her opinion of her toward the end of the movie.

Have you ever viewed someone with different “eyes” and then changed your opinion about that person?

How are Anina and you similar?

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<th>Anina</th>
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<td>a ten-year-old girl who does not like her name.</td>
<td>curious about understanding the world.</td>
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The kids at school called Anina Yatay Salas “niña capicúa,” which in Spanish means “palindrome girl.” Anina does not like to have a palindrome name and last names. Thus, she collects “ugly” names in a list as well as bus tickets with palindrome numbers.

Do you feel bad or not like something about yourself? Is there someone you do not get along with? Write it as a secret in the envelope below. Then, cut the envelope template and fold the flaps along the dotted lines to seal it. Put it inside your journal and open it in one week after you had reflected more about that issue. Write down how you feel about it then.

Note: You could print the envelope template multiple times and use it to store pressed flowers, notes from friends, ticket stubs, and other mementos as well.

Date:

My secret is:

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