

Hello!



Sofia and I are about to head to Japan! I want to visit Japan because I love sushi. I eat it so often that my family didn't even blink when I told them this morning that Sofia and I were going to my Aunt Charlie's house for a sushi weekend.

I was practically jumping off the walls when we ran into my aunt's garage and told the magical GPS, "Tsukiji please!"

*Foop!* We had arrived outside Tsukiji, the biggest fish market in the world located in Tokyo, the capital of Japan! I pulled Sofia into the first sushi restaurant I saw.

I had never tasted such delicious fish in my life. I was in complete bliss until I looked at Sofia and saw tears streaming down her face. She had taken a big bite of the green paste, wasabi. "Oh, oh, oh!" whimpered Sofia, trying not to yell out in pain as the fiery wasabi made tears run down her face.

A boy came running over with a bowl of rice. "My name is Shou. Eat this." he said, "It will help." While Sofia ate the rice, Shou gave us some sushi erasers to remind Sofia of her first sushi experience (we sent you one of the erasers, too).

Shou had a really cool paper flying dinosaur. He told us that he made it with origami, the Japanese art of paper folding. We had so much fun learning origami that we sent you some origami paper with instructions.

Shou asked if we wanted to climb Mt. Fuji, Japan's highest mountain and most famous volcano. When we looked nervous, Shou assured us that Mt. Fuji hadn't erupted since it covered Tokyo with ashes in 1707.

We took a bus to the mountain (we couldn't tell Shou we had a magical scooter!) and set our alarm clocks for the middle of the night so that we could see the sun rise from the peak of Mt Fuji. We hiked for several hours. The beautiful sunrise was worth the effort.

Exhausted, we headed home. Till next month!

Sam and Sofia