

Story of Madeleine Ellicott by Oorja Rege (Kindergarten) Elementary Division

Madeleine L. Ellicott was born in 1856 in Chicago. She wanted to study medicine but she could not because they only allowed boys to study. She went to Zurich to study chemistry. And then she came back to Baltimore and she went to Johns Hopkins to study more chemistry. She was forced to leave her education because boys and girls were separated. So she married Charles Ellicott. He was an engineer and his family built Ellicott City.

Madeleine cared about two things – children and women’s rights. She was the president of Children’s Playground Association and she helped build a lot of playgrounds. Women were not allowed to vote. Madeleine Ellicott and other women marched from Hyattsville to Washington D.C. to fight for women’s rights to vote. Her life was not easy because people were not treating her well. They didn’t like that she was fighting for women’s rights.

I am thankful because she fought for me. I can play on playgrounds, I can vote, and I can study anything I want.