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Dear Mina,

How is it in India? I know that you're coming to visit here in America soon, and I thought that you may want to know a few things about America's currency. So I thought that it would be fun to tell you a few facts about the \$1 bill!

There are four main symbols on the four dollar bill: the bald eagle, the department of treasury, roman numerals, and George Washington's face. We chose the bald eagle because it represents courage and strength. The department of treasury is the second symbol and it prints all of America's money and it prints about 2.5 billion U.S dollars per year. We also have roman numerals on our bill because they all add up to 1776- the year America claimed its independence from England. And George Washington was added in 1869 because he was America's first president.

Another fact is that there used to be 13 colonies owned by England in America. Many symbols on the dollar bill have sets of 13, just like the 13 colonies. Some examples include: a pyramid with 13 steps, two strings each with 13 pearls, a radiant cluster of stars, a shield with 13 stripes, an eagle that holds 13 arrows, and an olive branch that holds 13 olives and 13 leaves.

I also found some fun facts that you might want to know like how an average dollar bill can circulate for 5.8 years. That's a long time! Also, the first person on the dollar bill was Salmon P. Chase in 1863, because he was the secretary of Treasury at that time. And, sometimes money will have a ☆ symbol by the serial number because after that bill was printed, it may have had a flaw or mistake and the original bill was destroyed.

I can't wait to see you in America, Mina! Hopefully you know much more about America's currency now!

Sincerely,

Madison.