

Pre-primer

I like to play with my friends. They are funny and help make me laugh when I am blue. We find places where we can go to look and see new things. They come down to my house where we run and jump for two or three hours. We play up in our little red and yellow tree house to get away. It is not a big one, but it is here in the yard. They have said many times that they like it, and I bet you would like it, too.

Primer A

I want to see my white cat ride on a horse. I went to the circus and saw what they did that day. It did not seem to be new to the big cats there. It was like they had no fear. One cat ran into a ring of fire, and he came out with this hat on his head. Now I say my cat can do this, too. I have four at home who like to please me.

Primer B

There is a pretty apple tree in our grandmother's yard. We asked if we could have some apples, and she said yes. It must have the best apples in the world! I like them because they are so good. I saw them under the tree this fall so I ate all the ones that did not have black or brown spots. Soon they will be gone, but I am sure I will get to eat more next year.

Grade 1A

There once was an old dog who wanted to live until he learned how to fly. He was going to stop walking and just fly over every house in his town. He asked some of his friends if they wanted to help him. They were not sure since they did not think he could ever do it. They had seen him try before and did not want him to get hurt again.

Grade 1B

Each year at Thanksgiving we give thanks. We may visit our grandmother and sit at her round table to eat turkey. When we finish we may have an apple or pumpkin pie from her kitchen. After dessert we can put any of the food that is left in bowls to take home. We do not open presents then, but we let people know that we love them and that it has been good to see them.

Grade 2A

If I made a lot of money, I would first work to help those who are cold or hungry. I would use it to tell people to read and sing to their children. Doing both does help them before they go to school. Money is just green paper, but its power to help others is real. So write your check and help us make a better world.

Grade 2B

I wish that my dog was always around because he has been the very best dog. He will wash my face many times and will sleep right at the foot of my bed. When I call him he comes fast to sit at my feet. I found five toys to buy and gave them to him. He goes and pulls these off the table which is why I don't leave them upon it any more.

Grade 3A

My family is small but we try to keep in touch. If we get together we may start with only six or seven people. Before we are done that number could grow to eight or ten. Sometimes we bring things to eat and drink. When we are full, we talk and laugh about things that happened long ago. We never get tired of each other!

Grade 3B

The snow began to fall today as far as you could see. It was so light and clean. I tried to hold it in my hand, but it kind of hurt. I got some mittens, and that was much better. I built my own snowman by myself so I could show my mom. I wanted to draw it, but I had to pick up and carry wood that my father cut. He built a nice, hot fire so we could stay warm.