

The April Fool's Day Surprise

I flipped the calendar. It read April 1. I had 10
 been waiting for this day for a long time. "I love 21
 April Fool's Day!" I said to myself. I snuck into 31
 the bathroom. I took my mom's clear nail polish. 40
 I covered the soap with it. My sister got up and 51
 got into the shower. "Mom!" she cried out. 59
 "What is wrong with the soap? It won't lather." 68
 I laughed to myself. Then, I went into the 77
 kitchen to eat my breakfast. I sprinkled some 85
 sugar onto my cereal and took a bite. It tasted 95
 like salt. My mom laughed. "Now both of you got 105
 an April Fool's Day surprise!" she giggled. 112

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Comprehension Questions: The April Fool's Day Surprise

1. What date is April Fool's Day on?

2. What trick did the child play on their sister?

3. What did the child do after playing the trick on their sister?

4. What was the April Fool's Day surprise the child got?

5. What is a trick you could play on April Fool's Day?

Happy Earth Day

“Boys and girls,” my teacher said. “Today is Earth 9
 Day. It is a day where we celebrate the earth and 20
 help take care of it. I have some projects planned 30
 for us. First, we are going to make birdfeeders. 39
 We are going to cover old paper towel rolls with 49
 peanut butter and then with birdseed. After that, 57
 we are going to use some of the old milk cartons 68
 from the cafeteria and plant seeds in them.” “Hey 77
 we are going to help the earth in two ways!” I said. 89
 “First, by reusing things instead of throwing them in 98
 the trash. Second, by helping the birds and making 107
 new plants.” “You are right,” she said. “Happy 115
 Earth Day!” 117

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Comprehension Questions: Happy Earth Day

1. What day were the children celebrating at school?

2. What was the first project the children were making?

3. What was the second project the children were making?

4. What were the two ways the class was helping the earth?

5. What is something you could do to help the earth?

My First Poem

At school, we have been learning about poetry. 8

I decided that I would like to write a poem, but I 20

didn't know how to start. I asked my teacher 29

for help. "Writing a poem is easy," she said. "You 39

can write about anything," she told me. "Like a 48

feeling you are having, something that is special 56

to you, or even an object you see every day." 66

"I want to write a poem about my dog!" I said. 77

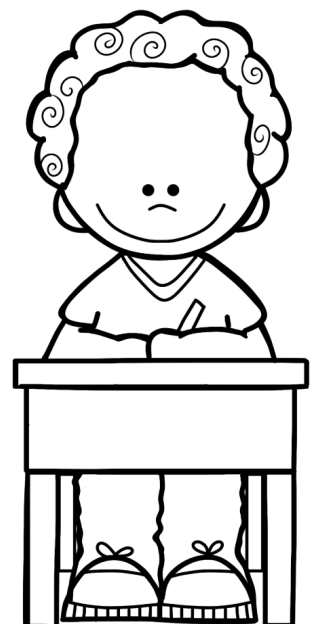
"That's a great idea," she told me. I thought 86

about my dog and how much I love him. I wrote 97

a poem about him. I was so excited to write my 108

very first poem. I think I will write more! 117

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Comprehension Questions: My First Poem

1. What did the child want to do?

2. Who did the child ask for help?

3. What did the child decide to write about?

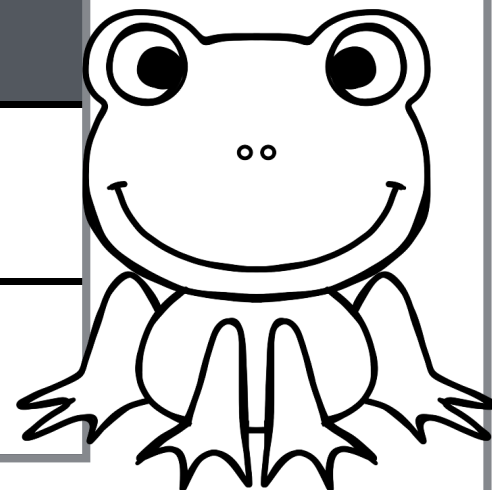
4. What did the child do before they started to write?

5. What is something you could write a poem about?

Freddy Loves the Spring

“I love the spring!” Freddy the frog shouted.	8
“I am so happy it is finally here!” “Me too,” said his sister Frannie. “I am tired of hibernating.	19
I am ready to go out and have some fun.”	27
“What do you want to do first?” asked Freddy.	37
“I want to go and play hopscotch. Then, I want to go hop around the woods,” said Frannie.	46
“I want to go to the pond and swim with our friends,” said Freddy. “And I want to go and hop through the meadow. Let’s get going,” he	56
said. “We have a lot of things to do!” “Bye Mom. Bye Dad,” they shouted.	64
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Comprehension Questions: Freddy Loves the Spring

1. What was Freddy excited about?

2. Why do you think were Freddy and Frannie hibernating?

3. What were some things Frannie wanted to do?

4. What were some things Freddy wanted to do?

5. What would another good title be for this story?
