

Gifted Support

Hello,

I am going to miss you on the days that you cannot come to school, but I would like you to have work to do at home.

Please choose at least THREE writing prompts and fully write a complete response to each of them. Be sure to check spelling, punctuation, and sentence structure. Proof read and make sure that I can read your writing and be very neat.

When you return, you can share your writing with the class.

Please complete at least four of the poems attached. In paragraph form, tell me what you think the poem means and quote the lines that make you feel the way you do about the poem.

Please memorize at least two poems.

Please continue to read on your Reading Olympics books and complete response sheets or choose a book that you have at home and read at least 20 minutes each day.

Please keep yourself busy. I will look forward to seeing your accomplishments!

Email me if you have any questions: adeliman@mv.org.

My best to you,

Mrs. Deliman

Dentist and the Crocodile by Roald Dahl

The crocodile, with cunning smile, sat in the dentist's chair.

He said, "Right here and everywhere my teeth require repair."

The dentist's face was turning white. He quivered, quaked and shook.

He muttered, "I suppose I'm going to have to take a look." "I want you," Crocodile declared, "to do the back ones first.

The molars at the very back are easily the worst."

He opened wide his massive jaws. It was a fearsome sight—

At least three hundred pointed [teeth](#), all sharp and shining white.

The dentist kept himself well clear. He stood two yards away.

He chose the longest probe he had to search out the decay.

"I said to do the back ones first!" the Crocodile called out.

"You're much too far away, dear sir, to see what you're about.

To do the back ones properly you've got to put your head

Deep down inside my great big mouth," the grinning Crocky said.

The poor old dentist wrung his hands and, weeping in despair,

He cried, "No no! I see them all extremely well from here!"

Just then, in burst a lady, in her hands a golden chain.

She cried, "Oh Croc, you naughty boy, you're playing tricks again!"

"Watch out!" the dentist shrieked and started climbing up the wall.

"He's after me! He's after you! He's going to eat us all!"

"Don't be a twit," the lady said, and flashed a gorgeous smile.

"He's harmless. He's my little pet, my lovely crocodile."

A Happy Child

by Anonymous

My house is red - a little house
A happy child am I.
I laugh and play the whole day long,
I hardly ever cry.

I have a tree, a green, green tree,
To shade me from the sun;
And under it I often sit,
When all my play is done.

Friends

by Abbie Farwell Brown

How good to lie a little while
And look up through the tree!
The Sky is like a kind big smile
Bent sweetly over me.

The Sunshine flickers through the lace
Of leaves above my head,
And kisses me upon the face
Like Mother, before bed.

The Wind comes stealing o'er the grass
To whisper pretty things;
And though I cannot see him pass,
I feel his careful wings.

So many gentle Friends are near
Whom one can scarcely see,
A child should never feel a fear,
Wherever he may be.

All My Great Excuses

by Kenn Nesbitt

I started on my homework,
but my pen ran out of ink...
My hamster ate my homework...
My computer's on the blink...

I tripped and dropped my homework
in the soup my mom was cooking...
My brother flushed it down the toilet
when I wasn't looking...

My mother ran my homework
through the washer and the dryer...
An airplane crashed into our house...
My homework caught on fire...

Tornadoes blew my notes away...
Volcanoes rocked our town...
My books were taken hostage
by an evil killer clown...

Some aliens abducted me...
I had a shark attack...
A pirate swiped my homework
and refused to give it back...

I worked on these excuses
so darned long my teacher said,
"I think you'll find it's easier
to do the work instead."

Aim High to the Sky

by James McDonald

Aim high to the sky,
In all that you do.
Because you just never know,
What it takes to be you.

Be strong and be brave,
But at the same time be kind.
And always be sure,
That you're using your mind.

Writing Prompts

1. The person I admire the most is...
2. My biggest goal in life is...
3. The best book I ever read was...
4. The happiest moment in my life was when...
5. When I grow up, I want to...
6. The most interesting place I have ever been to was...
7. Name three things you don't like about school and why.
8. The strangest dream I ever had was...
9. When I turn 16, I will...
10. Who is the funniest member of your family and why?
11. I get scared when...
12. Five things I would do if I had more money are...
13. What is your favorite sport and why?
14. What would you do if you could change the world?
15. Dear teacher, I would like to know...
16. Dear President Washington, what was it like to be the first president?
17. My happiest day was...
18. My saddest day was...
19. If I had three wishes, I would wish for..

Describe your best friend, how you met, and why you are friends