



Working in the Science Garden

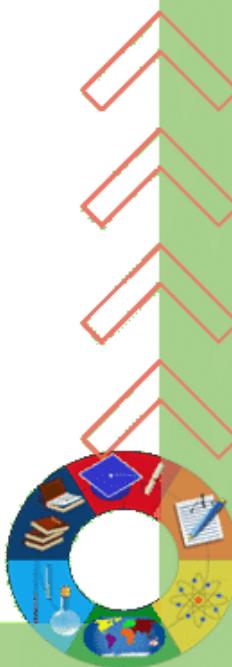
On Friday, my classmates and I worked in the school science garden. We brought along plastic pails, watering cans, trowels and gardening forks. We put on gardening gloves to protect our hands. We worked in groups of fours.

First, we pulled out the weeds from the vegetable and flower beds. There were some weeds with very long roots so we used the trowels to loosen the soil around them. Then we pulled them out. We put the weeds in the plastic pails.

After that, we loosened the soil in the beds. We used the gardening forks to do this. We worked quietly and quickly along the beds. We finished our task in half an hour.

Next, we filled the watering cans and watered the plants and flowers. Then, we brought the pails of weeds to the compost heap. We left the weeds there for the school gardener to turn them into compost. He uses the compost to fertilise the plants.

I like working in the science garden. I enjoy looking at the colourful flowers and green leaves. I feel happy to see the plants growing well. If we look after them well, they will reward us with beautiful flowers and juicy fruits.





Keeping the Neighbourhood Clean

My family lives in a large residential area. There are many rows of terraced houses and bungalows. Some of the houses have well-kept front lawns while there are others which have overgrown weeds. I think each household should be responsible for its compound. It should be kept clean and tidy. There are a few simple ways to do so.

First, those who have pets such as dogs and cats should remember to pick up their dog poop when they walk their dogs. Make sure that their dogs do not urinate into the neighbour's hedges or on the car wheels.

Second, do not throw litter into the common drain in front of the house. Make sure the drain is not blocked by debris such as dried leaves and litter.

Third, throw household refuse in plastic bags which are tied up to avoid attracting flies and other pests. Do not leave them by the road. Instead, drop them into the rubbish bins outside the house and make sure the bins are covered. Stray dogs and cats will tear open trash bags and scatter the trash all over the road.

Make cleanliness and tidiness a habit and the neighbourhood will be a lovely place to live in.





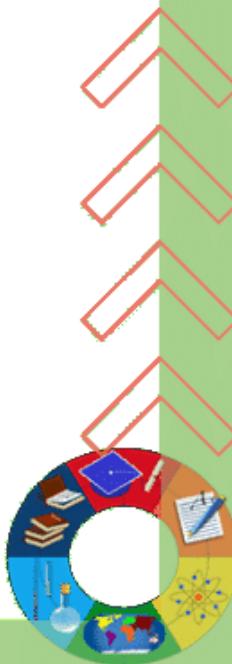
The Playground

Yesterday I went to the neighbourhood playground with my younger sister. I wanted to let her sit on the swing and play on the slide. When we got there, the playground was crowded. There were children playing on the slides, swings and monkey bars. Unfortunately, the younger children were not supervised.

I saw some older children pushing the younger ones out of their way as they rushed to climb up the slides. One small girl dropped to her knees and cried but no one paid any attention to her. There were some children who were standing on the swings as they swung to and fro. I thought this was dangerous.

I think parents should not allow their little children to go to the playground unless they are accompanied by an older child. Parents should also talk to their children about safety in the playground. Older children should understand that they should not hog the equipment in the playground. The younger children should be allowed to play on the slides, swings and see-saws without being pushed around.

The playground belongs to the community. Everyone has a share in it. If everyone is responsible, it will be fun to go and spend some time there.





The Class Monitor

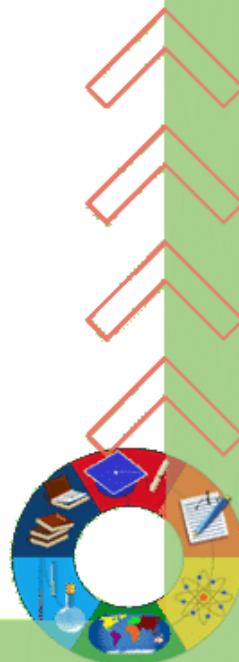
Kavita was an only child. She loved to help her mother with the household chores. She folded clothes and put them neatly away. She always picked up her toys. She made her own bed and her bedroom was always clean and tidy.

Kavita was such a responsible girl that her class chose her to be the class monitor. Since she lived near the school, she made sure she was the first to be in class every day. She supervised her classmates who were cleaning the classroom each day. She always checked that all the lights and fans were switched off before the pupils left the class.

Being the class monitor, Kavita knew she had to set a good example. She was always polite and helpful. She always greeted the teachers and the other pupils with a smile. She spoke softly and never raised her voice even though she was angry.

Although Kavita had other responsibilities, she never shirked her studies. She did well in the monthly tests and term exams. She took an active part in co-curricular activities. She was a model pupil.

At the Speech Day that year, Kavita received the Model Pupil award. She was proud of herself.





Exam Fever

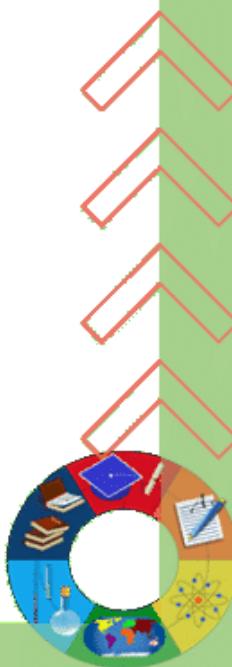
Ronny was never serious about his schoolwork. He never revised his lessons. When his friends reminded him about the term exams, he replied, "Don't worry. There's plenty of time to study for it." He spent most of his free time cycling around the neighbourhood or watching television.

The Friday before the exams, Ronny noticed the exam timetable on the class noticeboard. "Oh no!" he exclaimed. "It can't be next Monday. I haven't even started revising," he said.

After lunch that day, Ronny locked himself in his room and started to go through his textbooks. At dinner time, his father knocked on the door, "Ronny, don't you want dinner?" he asked.

"No, I'm not hungry," Ronny replied. He studied until he fell asleep at his desk. The next morning, he started studying again after breakfast. He skipped lunch and grabbed a quick bite during dinner. He repeated this on Sunday.

On Monday morning, Ronny fainted as he was going out. Ronny's father took him to the nearest clinic. The doctor gave him sick leave. When his classmates heard what had happened, they said, "Ronny has exam fever."





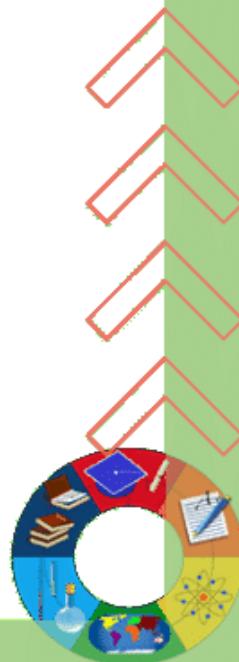
Homework

Last Friday, our teachers gave us loads of homework. When I came home from school, I heaved a big sigh before I greeted my mother. She asked me what the matter was. I told her and she promised to help me. This cheered me up immediately because I knew I could count on my mother's help.

Actually my parents had planned to take my brother and me to Universal Studios on Sentosa Island. We were to go on Saturday. So, I had to make sure I finished part of my homework on Friday. Only then could I enjoy myself on Saturday. I could finish the rest of my homework on Sunday.

After lunch, I started on my Maths homework. My mother helped me out when I was stuck. Then, I read a passage from the English textbook. I turned to my mother when I could not understand certain parts of the passage. I was able to answer all the questions that followed. It was almost six when I finished. I was satisfied with the work I had done. I went to help my mother prepare dinner. I was grateful for her help and thankful to have a mother who loves me.

I learnt a valuable lesson today. We should never put off what we can do today.





My Favourite Photo

My mother keeps all our family photos in an album. When I am free, I like to look at the photos.

My favourite photo is the one of myself when I was just a few months old. I was a baby then. I was fat. I had little hair. A pacifier was in my mouth. My mum put a nice little baby cap on my head. I was on a baby bouncer. I think I looked cute with pink mittens on my little hands and pink socks on my tiny feet.

That is my favourite photo. Looking at it makes me smile. I did not know that I was such a cute baby. I thank my parents. They took photos of me which I can see today.

I think I am going to put my favourite photo on a nice photo frame.





Things about Myself



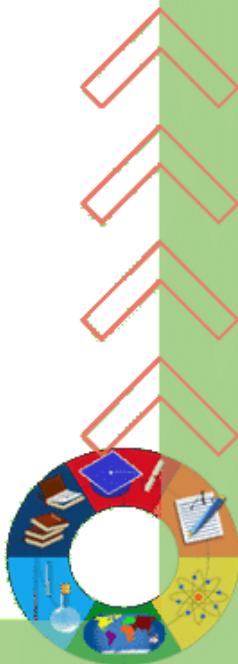
My Favourite Singer

My favourite singer is Justin Bieber from Canada. He is very young. He writes his own songs. He is very talented. He plays many musical instruments like the guitar, drums, piano and trumpet.

I like pop music. Bieber sings a lot of pop songs. The song titled "Baby" by Bieber is my favourite. I like this song because it has a fast beat. I also like to hear the guitar sound when Bieber plays the guitar as he sings.

I think Bieber has a cute face. I like what he wears. He looks casual but smart. When he speaks, he is polite.

I have bought Bieber's famous album called "My World". This album has many good songs. Bieber will always be my favourite singer. I am waiting excitedly for the release of his next new album.





My Best Friend

I have many friends but there is one who is very special to me. Her name is Lena. She is my best friend.

Lena and I are classmates. We do many things together. We go to the library to borrow books to read. We go to the canteen to eat at recess time. When Lena brings food from home, she always shares it with me.

My school bus once broke down and Lena asked her mother to give me a lift home. When I do not know how to do my homework, Lena is happy to teach me. Lena is very clever but she is not proud.

Lena and I like sports. We play badminton together.

My best friend, Lena, is friendly, helpful and kind to me. I treasure our friendship and I think Lena and I will be there for each other always.





The Games I Like

I like to play Scrabble and snakes and ladders.

I play Scrabble with my sister. When I first started, my score was very low. Now I am better. I have learned more new words. I am very happy when I can make a word that gives me many points.

Another game that I like is snakes and ladders. I play it with my sister. I like to throw the dice. I always hope that I do not land on any of the snake pictures. The snake will make me lose all my moves.

As for the ladders, I always hope to get to the tallest one so that I can reach "home" faster.

Playing the two games is fun. I also get to spend time with my sister. We talk, laugh and chat as we play. We really enjoy each other's company.





My Pet

My pet is a rabbit. I got it from the pet shop. I named my rabbit "Cookie". It likes to nibble at cookies. It is a big rabbit with brown fur and long ears. I keep Cookie inside a cage.

Cookie likes me to pat its head. When I do that, it will close its eyes slowly and then fall asleep.

Cookie's favourite food is the carrot. It drinks water from a small bowl that I put inside its cage. In the evening, I let Cookie out of the cage to play in the garden. Its big long ears flap up and down as it hops about. That makes me laugh.

I feel very happy when I look at my lovable Cookie. It is fun to play with it. Although Cookie does not make any sound, I feel that we are already communicating when it hops to me to rest at my feet each time I let it out to play.





My Study Room

My study room is very simple. There is a long desk placed against the wall. I have a wooden chair with a cushion to sit on.

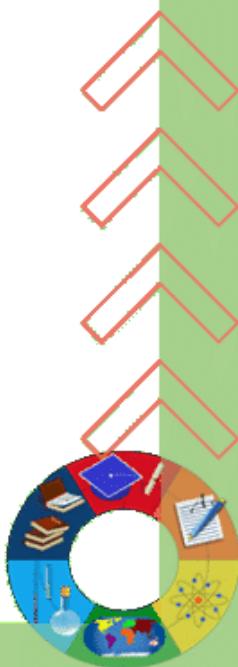
On my desk is a study lamp. My desk has a drawer that I can slide out or in to keep my pencils.

On the wall above my desk is a chart. I am a great fan of Manchester United. I put their photos there.

In one corner of the room, there are a small carpet and a cushion. I like to sit there and read a book.

My study room has a ceiling fan. The walls are painted in light purple. A picture of Mickey Mouse reading a book is on the door.

I like my simple and clean study room. I like the quiet atmosphere as it is very conducive for studying. I am spared of all distractions when I am in my own study room.





My Favourite Colour

My clothes are in a wardrobe. When my friends look at my wardrobe, they always say that I have so many pink dresses. Yes, pink is my favourite colour.

I also have pink hair bands and pink hair clips to match my pink dresses. I have pink socks and pink shoes too.

At the supermarket, I see some schoolbags with Barbie Doll and Kitty Cat designs. They are all in pink too.

I wear my favourite pink colour when my parents bring me to a special dinner. Sometimes it is a wedding dinner and sometimes it is my grandparents' birthday dinner.

I see pink colour in some restaurants. The restaurant "Fruit Land" has its walls painted pink.

My friends tell me that I look sweet in a pink dress.





My Favourite Food

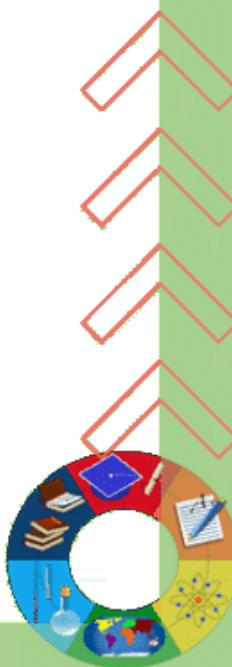
My favourite food is fish balls.

My family and I often go to the food court in Woodlands. There we can find many food stalls. My mum usually orders noodles with fish balls for me. The fish balls are soft and easy to chew. The fish meat is so tasty.

I also buy fried fish balls from my school canteen. I eat them together with tomato sauce. When we go for a picnic, my mum always packs fish balls for me. She puts the fish balls on a stick, just like satay. I pull the fish balls out, one by one, from the stick with my mouth and eat them.

I like to eat fish balls because they do not have any bones. They are also tasty and rich in protein.

I wonder who first thought of this ingenious idea of fish balls. It is certainly a wonderful idea! Are fish balls your favourite type of food too?





My Favourite Book

My favourite book is "Rainbow Crow".

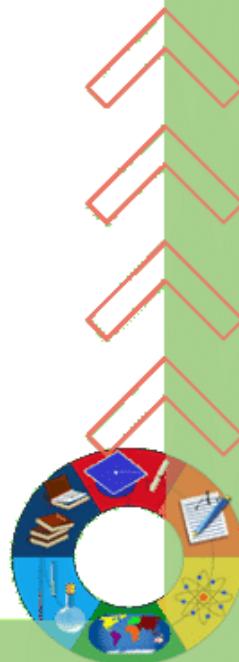
The story begins with animals playing happily in the snow. Then the snow became thicker. Some animals were buried by the snow.

So Wise Owl came up with a plan. All the animals would choose someone to go and speak to Kijamuh. He had special powers to make the earth warm again. Wise Owl could not see during the day so he could not go. Turtle was steady but too slow. Finally, the animals chose responsible Rainbow Crow.

So Rainbow Crow flew up into the sky, past the moon, stars and sun. The journey took three days. Finally, Rainbow Crow arrived at Kijamuh's place.

Kijamuh gave him a stick with fire. Rainbow Crow carried the stick back to earth.

The fire melted the snow and all the animals felt warm again.





Things about Myself



My Hobby

My hobby is playing with dolls and soft toys. They are presents from my parents and friends.

I have two dolls. One of them has long yellow hair. I named her "Goldie". The other has short, curly, black hair. Her name is "Shasha".

I like to change their clothes. Sometimes I let Shasha wear Goldie's long pants. Then I dress Goldie up in Shasha's evening gown. I like to comb the dolls' hair and give them a different hairstyle.

I also play with my soft toys. I have a small white teddy bear, an orange giraffe and a pink chimpanzee. They all look so cute. Sometimes I pick them up and hug them. I put these soft toys around my bed. Before I sleep, I pat them and say "Good night."

I have learned to be caring and responsible by taking good care of my soft toys.





Myself

I would like to introduce myself. My name is Lim Mei Li. My mum says "Mei Li" means "pretty and cute". I am seven years old. I was born on 5th November.

I live in Woodlands, Singapore, with my parents and grandparents. I have two elder brothers and a younger sister. My father is a clerk and my mother is a housewife.

I have black hair. It is short and straight. My skin is quite tanned. My eyes are big and round. I am small in size.

I study at Woodlands Primary School. It is a big school. My father sends me to school every day in his car. I wear my school uniform which is a white blouse and a maroon skirt.

I like to read and watch cartoons. I love to read comics, fairy tales and short mystery stories. I watch cartoons on Sundays when I am free. I think the animation is fantastic. Perhaps when I grow up, I want to be a cartoonist.



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