

# Putman Elementary

## Blizzard Bags

Third Grade

Day 2

Due Friday, April 22, 2014

Check when completed	Assignment	Parent initials
	Reading, Language Arts, Social Studies, Science Packet	
	Math:	

The State of Ohio allows us to utilize "at home" work for students in case of a snow day beyond our 5 calamity days. Attached you will find the work we would like for your child to complete while at home. You must send the completed projects to school in two weeks in order to get credit. If the work is not returned, your child will be counted absent for the day.

Student name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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# Achievement Practice

Directions: Read the selection.

## The Secret of the Old Barn.

by Robyn Winchell



Uncle Roberto sat at the kitchen table reading a copy of the *Zanesville Times Recorder*. Suddenly, he looked up from the newspaper and said, "Girls, playing in the hayloft might just be the perfect way to spend a rainy afternoon."

Angie and Rosa agreed. Their aunt and uncle's old barn hadn't been used for years, but the roof was good, and it didn't leak. Although it might be a little dusty, playing in the hayloft would be more fun than staying in the farmhouse for yet another rainy day.

The girls climbed toward the opening in the hayloft floor above them. They could hear the patter of rain peppering the roof and the low rumble of thunder in the distance. Pigeons cooed softly from the shadowy rafters high above them.

"This will be fun," Angie said as she climbed up a ladder that led to an opening in the loft floor. She scrambled to her feet in the dusty hay. Rosa followed her sister into the loft like a shadow.

"We can pretend we're mountain climbers," Rosa said, looking at the mounds of hay.

Just then, both girls froze. Something dark and furry hurried across the floor in front of them and disappeared into the hay.

"What was that?" Angie asked.

"Why, it looked like Beanie, Aunt Carmen's cat," Rosa said. "Aunt Carmen says she hasn't seen Beanie for more than two weeks."

"There she is again," Angie said, pointing to the cat, which was now lying on top of the straw, flicking its black tail from side to side.

The girls struggled over piles of loose hay, then bent down to pet the cat. It began to purr loudly. After a few minutes, Beanie stood, stretched, and disappeared into the hay once again. The girls began to hear soft noises coming from under the hay.

"What's making those sounds?" Angie asked.

"I don't know," Rosa replied.

The girls waited quietly, listening to the soft sounds coming from the hay. In a very short time, Beanie came back out. This time she was carrying a small spotted kitten in her mouth.

"Beanie's had kittens!" Angie said. "And look!" She pointed to a small tunnel in the hay. Four more blue-eyed kittens wobbled toward the girls.

"Oh, they're so cute!" Rosa said. She carefully picked up the littlest one. It squirmed in her hand and mewed a tiny cry.

Beanie gave a warning meow and batted at Rosa's hand with one paw.

"I think you'd better put it down," Angie said. "It doesn't look like Beanie thinks they're ready for company yet. Let's come back later and bring her a saucer of milk."

"Good idea," Rosa said, placing the baby kitten next to its mother.

"See you later, Beanie's babies," Angie said with a smile.

## Sample Fiction Questions

Directions: Use the selection to answer questions 1 - 8.

1. Why do the girls play in the barn?
  - A. Aunt Carmen wants them to find her cat.
  - B. They want to practice mountain climbing.
  - C. It is raining, and they don't want to stay in the house.
  
2. What causes the girls to wait quietly when Beanie disappears into the hay for the last time?
  - A. They want to stay in the barn because it is still raining.
  - B. They are worried about climbing back down the ladder.
  - C. They want to find out what is causing noises in the hay.

3. What will most likely happen next in the story?
- A. The girls will decide to play outside in the rain.
  - B. The girls will tell their aunt and uncle about the kittens.
  - C. Uncle Roberto will say that the hayloft is not a safe place to play.
4. Using information from the selection, list four important things that happen in the story.
- A. \_\_\_\_\_  
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- B. \_\_\_\_\_  
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- C. \_\_\_\_\_  
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- D. \_\_\_\_\_  
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5. Which of the following best describes the setting for this selection?
- A. a cabin
  - B. a farm
  - C. a mountain

## Additional Practice Questions

6. Who is this story mostly about?

- A. Aunt Carmen
- B. Uncle Roberto
- C. Angie and Rosa

7. Number the events in the story in the order they happened.

\_\_\_ The girls climb the ladder toward an opening in the hayloft.

\_\_\_ Uncle Roberto says playing in the hayloft would be fun on a rainy day.

\_\_\_ Four of Beanie's blue-eyed kittens wobble out from beneath the hay.

8. This is a sentence from the selection.

"There she is again," Angie said, pointing to the cat, which was now lying on top of the straw, **flicking** its black tail from side to side.

What does the word **flicking** mean?

- A. flipping
- B. holding
- C. chewing

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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## Finding Fractional Parts of a Set

Write the fraction of the glasses that are filled.

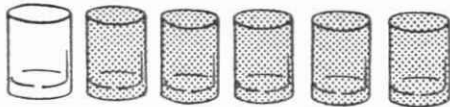
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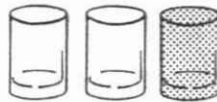
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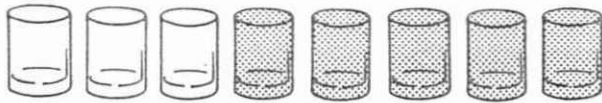
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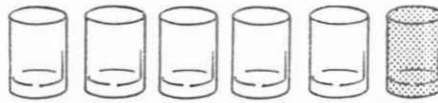
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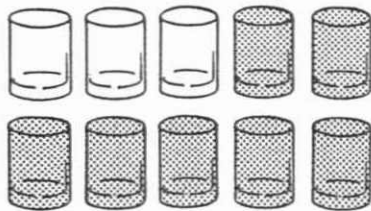
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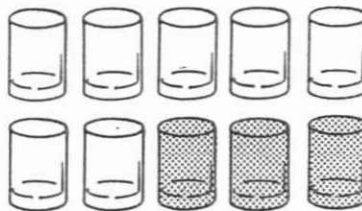
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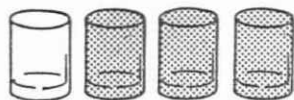
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