

A is for Apple

Assignment 2

Phonics. Complete Lesson 2 in the textbook. Make sure that your children are careful in their reading and do not guess on words. We have a lot of good readers in the classroom, but by learning to sound out words, they will become better readers and better spellers. Each week students try to solve two phonics riddles. See if your child can solve this extra riddle, below on right. If your child does not solve it on the first try, insert the first letter.

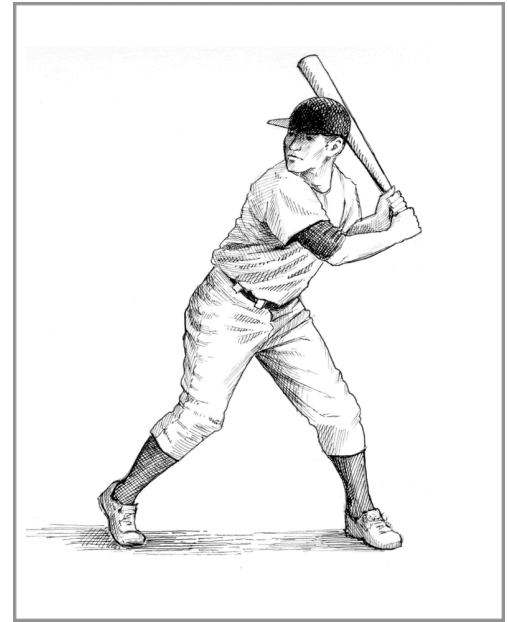
Poetry. In class students are memorizing “A Chill” by Christina Rossetti. In memorizing the poem, students should do the following:

- Hear the first two lines of the stanza ten times.
- Recite it five times with teacher.
- Hear the second two lines of the stanza ten times.
- Recite it five times with teacher.
- Hear the whole stanza five times.
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Handwriting. Complete pages 5–8 in the handwriting textbook. Students should spend about ten to fifteen minutes a day doing their handwriting homework. Also, supervise your children as they practice their letters. The pupils were taught the following in class today: 1) a study of the “adgqc” family 2) the spacing of letters 3) a review of the “oil” family of letters. Since I am very specific on how the letters are formed, please click [here](#) to receive more guidance.

Suggested reading (but not required). Read a book to your child this week. Since we were talking about chickens this week, Barbara Cooney’s *Chanticleer and the Fox*, would be a good idea. Other suggestions: *The Ox-Cart Man* by Donald Hall. You should be able to find these books in your library. If you bought a teacher’s guide, there are a couple hundred suggestions, all categorized by genre. The students then can talk about the books in class.

Sight words. Students should know the sight words for Lesson 2 (in appendix).



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You have not one, but two of these;
They're close—the best of friends.
But when you open your mouth to sneeze,
That's when their friendship ends.

Answer: lip