

A is for Apple Assignment 9

Handwriting

Complete pages 31–34 of the handwriting book.

Reading and Phonics

Complete Lesson 9

Poetry

Memorize William Cowper’s poem “The Lord Will Provide,” stanza 6.



Dictation

This is our first week of dictation! This week at home they will write out (and bring to class) a dictation session of five short sentences on **paper** that you can download from the **online assignment page**. I have several focus areas: 1) the students should learn to capitalize the beginning word of each sentence 2) the students should remember their end marks 3) the students should form the letters correctly 4) the students should sound out the words as they spell them 5) the students should separate the words in the sentence. Remember that the students are just *beginning* to write. Just be prepared: the first dictation sessions will be *rough* and perhaps *frustrating*, but rest assured, there will a world of difference between the dictation sheets at the end of the year and those they will be doing in the next few weeks! Both teachers at home and students should exercise patience. If your child cannot write out all five of the sentences, shorten the dictation list to four, three, two or *even one*!

DICTATION EXERCISE

1. Go out.
2. It is loud.
3. Go now.
4. He did read.
5. It is near.

Suggested Reading

I am amazed that so few children know the fairytales that I grew up with, such as the book suggestion that I have for this week. (Remember that my weekly book suggestions are for the benefit of parents to develop their child’s interest in reading, and they are not required for the class.) Steven Kellogg. *Jack and the Beanstalk*. Morrow, 1991. The book is a traditional retelling of the English fairy tale, with distinctive illustrations.