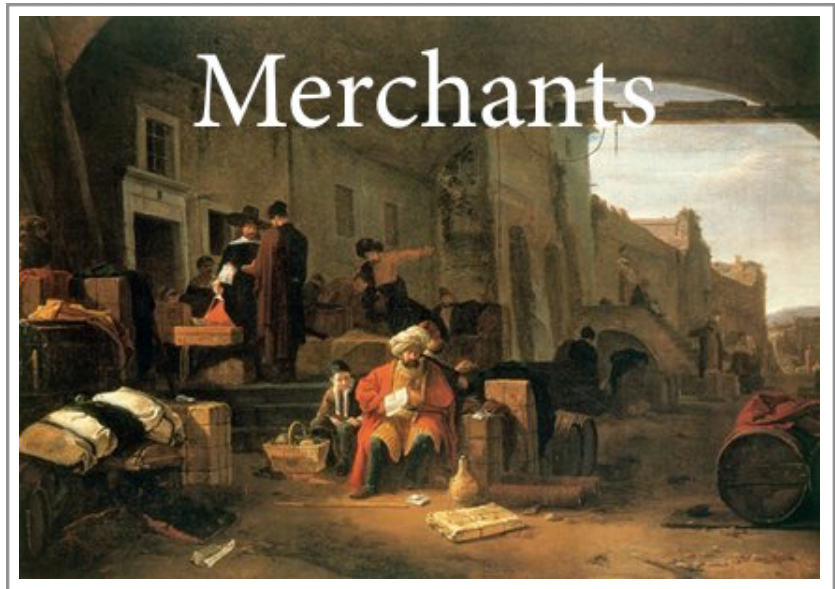


B is for Bear

Assignment 25

- *memorization.* Students will be memorizing the first part of Alfred Tennyson's poem "Weariness" from "The Lotos-eaters." With other biographical information about Tennyson that I told the class, I told the story about his first "poem," which parents may want to review. There are many children who can perform amazing feats of calculation in their head or



- who can understand advanced calculus. However, in most cases, literary genius manifests only through age and experience. Alfred was an exception to this general rule. When Alfred was only five years old, his brother Charles, to keep his younger brother busy, told him to write a poem about flowers in a garden. The older brother left, not expecting perhaps anything to come from this request. However, when Alfred returned with his slate, it was covered with an admirable poem in iambic pentameter. Charles exclaimed, "Yes, you can write!"
- *speech night.* Continue memorizing your part for speech night. We will practice as a class the last Friday in March, and then one time with all of the other students in April.
 - *reading, literature study and grammar.* Complete Lesson 25 of *B is for Bear* textbook, volume 2. Students will be reading two stories about the poor: "Rich or Poor?" and "The Widow and the Merchant." They also will be learning about the literary term *irony*. This week students will also learn about that regular nouns that end in *ch*, *x*, *s*, or *sh* add an *es*.
 - *handwriting.* Complete Lesson 25 of your handwriting book.
 - *dictation.* Students should write out Dictation 25. As always, parents should be writing misspelled words down on the dictation page and going over it.
 - *book suggestion.* Here is another book recommendation: Jacqueline K. Ogburn. Laurel Long, illustrator. *The Magic Nesting Doll*. Dial, 2000. A modern literary fairy tale set in Russia.