

A is for Apple

Assignment 11

Handwriting

Complete pages 39–41 of the handwriting book. The students should bring the handwriting books into class to be graded.

Reading and Phonics

Complete Lesson 11. Before answering questions 11.5, students should read the

passage on the next page, which was mistakenly omitted from the text. *Please note that we will be doing the Review Section in class. Do not do it at home.*

Poetry

Memorize, stanzas 1 and 2 of Isaac Watts' poem "A Morning Song."

Dictation

Before giving the dictation, review the ea, ou and th sounds and remind students to capitalize the first word in the sentence and to include an end mark.

EXERCISE

1. Ron went up.
2. Read it.
3. Our bath is hot.
4. Did the fly land?
5. Tim set it down.

Suggested Reading

Children love stories about animals, especially animals that they have unusual abilities, like the bat. The following book is a simple illustrated introduction to bats. (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.) Nicola Davies. Sarah Fox-Davies, illustrator. *Bat Loves the Night*. 2001. Reprint. Candlewick, 2004. I have another book to suggest this week, a book that one of this year's moms recommended to me recently: **Brian Floca**. *Locomotive*. I plan on reading it myself!



Sam's Pen

"Look what I got, Dave!" Sam said. "A pen!"

"What's so good about it?" Dave said.

Sam said, "It's not just any old pen. It's a dip pen. I dip it in this ink, see, and get some ink on the nib and—oh!"

"Sam!" Dave said. "You got ink on me! Look at my pants!"

"Don't yell, Dave," Sam said. "I didn't mean to do it!"

"Yes, I get it," Dave said. "But my mom won't."

"Will she get mad at you?"

"No," Dave said. "But she won't be happy."

"My mom's good at getting stains out," Sam said. "Even big ones. When she comes home, I'll tell her. She'll get it out."

"Thanks, Sam."

"Well, do you like it?" Sam said.

"Like what?"

"My pen," Sam said.

Dave said, "I like your pen, but not your ink!"