FEBRUARY Reading Journal



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Illustrate the story.

Sweet Tooth

A lot of people say that Tony has a sweet tooth. This means that he loves to eat sweet foods. Tony likes cookies, candies, ice cream and cakes. His favorite sweet food to eat is chocolate chip cookies. He is always begging his mom to bake them! Every weekend, Tony and his mom make a dessert to eat after dinner. Tony's mom only allows him to have one sweet treat a day. If it was up to Tony, he would eat sweets all day long!

I. What do people say about Tony?
2. What does it mean to have a "sweet tooth"?
3. What is Tony's favorite type of sweets?
4. How many sweet treats is Tony allowed?

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Groundhog Day

Groundhog Day is celebrated on February 2nd. It was first held in Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania in 1866. On this day, Phil the Groundhog ends his long hibernation. Legend has it that when he comes out from his den on this day, he can predict when spring will arrive. If Phil sees his shadow, there will be six more weeks of winter. If he does not see his shadow, spring will come early. Do you believe it?

I. What day is Groundhog Day?

2. Where is Groundhog Day held?

3. What happens to Phil on Groundhog Day?

4. According to the legend, what happens if Phil sees his shadow?

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Groundhogs

A groundhog is sometimes called a woodchuck or a land-beaver. Groundhogs spend most of their time alone looking for plants and grasses to eat. You might also find them digging burrows up to 66 feet long! Even though these burrows can destroy crops and farms, they are very important to groundhogs. They are where these rodents sleep and hide from predators. Although, farmers do get a break from these pesky groundhogs come winter when they go deep inside of their burrows to hibernate.

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A Special Gift

Ryan wants to find the best gift to give to his mom on Valentine's Day. He made a list of things that his mom likes. He wrote chocolate, flowers, dogs and books. The next day, Ryan and his dad went shopping with his list. They found red roses in a vase and a box of chocolates in the shape of a heart. "Mom is going to love this!" said Ryan. When they got home, Ryan hid his mom's gifts under his bed. "I can't wait to see the look on her face when I give her these!"

I. Who does Ryan want to find a gift for?
2. What did Ryan write on his list?
3. What does Ryan buy his mom?
4. Where does Ryan hide the gifts?

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Maggie's Routine

Maggie has the same routine every morning. She wakes up at 8:00 and goes downstairs for breakfast. She eats breakfast with her family and starts to get ready for school. First, she brushes her teeth and her hair. Next, she gets dressed. Then, she makes sure that she has everything that she needs for school in her backpack. Finally, she heads outside to wait for the bus. Maggie loves having a routine. She knows exactly what she needs to do every morning.

What time does Maggie get up to eat breakfast?
 What is the first thing she does to get ready for school?
 What does Maggie do after getting dressed?
 Do you have a morning routine? Tell about it.

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Pete and Paul

Pete and Paul are twins. Even though they look alike, they are very different. Pete likes to read and Paul does not. Paul likes to sing and Pete does not. They spend a lot of time with each other. Paul reads to Pete and Pete sings to Paul. They always have fun when they are together. They look so much alike that it is hard to tell them apart. A lot of times people can only tell them apart after they notice the book in Pete's hands!

1. What does Pete like to do?

2. What does Paul like to do?

3. What is one way people tell Pete and Paul apart?

4. Would you like to have a twin? Tell why or why not.

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My Dog

I love my dog very much. My dog's name is Tigger. He is a big black dog with one white spot on his tail. Tigger is such a great dog. He follows me around everywhere! After school, I take Tigger outside and we play fetch. This year, I have a special gift to give to Tigger on Valentine's Day. I made his favorite treat, peanut butter bones, and got him a brand new collar. I can't wait to give Tigger his gifts! He is going to be so happy!

I. What is my dog's name?
2. What does he look like?
3. What do I do after school?
4. What will I give my dog on Valentine's Day?

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Abraham Lincoln

Abraham Lincoln was born on February 12th, 1809. He was born in Kentucky. In 1860, Abraham Lincoln became the 16th President of the United States. He is also the tallest president we've had! When he was a child, he loved to read. As president, he was a great speaker and is known for helping end slavery and free the slaves. Abraham Lincoln is also remembered for being very honest, which is why many people refer to him as "Honest Abe."

I. When was Abraham Lincoln born?
2. What number president was Abraham Lincoln?
3. What is one thing Abraham Lincoln is known for?
4. Why do many people call him "Honest Abe"?

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100 Days

Tomorrow is a special day at Danny's school. It is the 100th day of school! Danny is excited because his class will be having a party at the end of the day. The entire class got together to write 100 things that they have enjoyed about school so far this year. When it was Danny's turn to add to the list, he wrote down two things. The first one was that he loved his teacher. The second thing he wrote was that he had a lot of fun on the class field trip. He can't wait to see what everyone else wrote!

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Valentine's Day

Valentine's Day is celebrated every year on February 14th. Valentine's Day is named after St. Valentine. On this day people make sure that their loved ones feel special. They give those that they love flowers, gifts, chocolates or just a nice card. All of the stores put out their Valentine's Day gifts and decorations. Valentine's Day is a great day to show your family and friends how much you love them! What are you going to do on Valentine's Day?

I. What day is Valentine's Day?

2. Who is Valentine's Day named after?

3. What do people do on Valentine's Day?

4. Who is someone special in your life? Write about them.

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Caring Cindy

Cindy is a nice and caring girl. She is always the first one to offer help to someone in need. At school, she is friends with everyone. She makes sure that she always says nice things and talks to everyone. At home, she always does her chores and helps her parents around the house. Cindy knows that is nice to be kind. It is very easy for Cindy to make friends because of how kind she is. She thinks that everyone should always be nice to one another!

I. Describe Cindy.	
2. What does Cindy do at school?	
3. What does Cindy do at home?	
4. Why is it nice to be kind?	

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Acts of Kindness

February 17th is Random Act of Kindness Day. On this day, people are asked to do nice things for each other. Some acts of kindness are small such as saying something nice to a friend or helping someone. There are also big acts of kindness such as donating your old clothes and toys to someone in need. Whether the act is big or small, they are all important. Even though this is a special day, don't forget that you should be kind every day of the year. It feels good to be nice!

I. What day is February 17 th ?
2. Why is this day special?
3. What is something nice that you can do for someone?
4. What act of kindness will you do on this day? Tell about it.

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Recess Fun

Even though the snow kept Mary's class inside for recess, she still had a great time! Mary got to play with her new dolls that she got for Christmas. She brought three dolls to school. She shared her dolls with her two friends, Anna and Tina. The girls had a lot of fun playing with the dolls. They made a shopping mall for the dolls out of a box and blocks. Mary hopes that it snows tomorrow so they can stay inside again!

I. Why did Mary's class have recess inside?

2. How many dolls did Mary bring to school?

3. Who did Mary share with?

4. What is your favorite thing to do at recess time? Tell about it.

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A New Responsibility

There is a new responsibility in Mr. Logan's classroom. When the class came back from winter break, they saw a little brown hamster in a cage. "This is our new class pet," said Mr. Logan. "Each one of you will have a chance to take care of our pet this year." All of the students were so excited to see the pet. Rita was especially excited. She has always wanted a pet hamster. Rita's parents told her she could get a hamster when she is ten years old. Until then, she can care for the hamster in her classroom!

l. What is the new responsibility in Mr. Logan's room?	
2. What did Mr. Logan bring back from winter break?	
3. How did the students feel about the pet?	
4. Who was the most excited? Why?	

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Football Sunday

Sam's favorite day of the week is Sunday, especially during football season. When there is a football game on, that means that Sam gets to spend time with his dad watching the game. Sam and his dad love football. In the summertime, they play and pass a football in their backyard almost every day. In the winter, they have to watch football on television because it is too cold outside to play. When Sam is old enough, he is going to try out for his school's football team. He can't wait!

I. What is Sam's favorite day of the week?

2. Why does Sam like to watch football on Sunday?

3. What do Sam and his dad do in the summertime?

4. What will Sam do when he is old enough?

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Valentine's Day Party

Cara had fun at her Valentine's Day party. She spent hours working on her valentines to give to her friends. She made everyone in her class a special heart and wrote one thing that she liked about them on it. Everyone loved her valentines! At the party she ate cake and celebrated the day with her class. She got 23 valentine's cards from her friends. She can't wait to get home to read them all! It was a great day!

I. What did Cara make for everyone?
2. What did she write on them?
3. What did Cara do at the party?
4. How many cards did Cara get?

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A Lost Tooth

Jimmy woke up and knew something was different. "Something does not feel right," he said. He walked over to the mirror and looked at his mouth. "My tooth!" he yelled. Jimmy's tooth had fallen out while he was asleep. He ran over to his bed and found his front tooth on his pillow. "Mom! Come quick!" he said. Jimmy's mom ran up the stairs to his room. "Looks like your tooth finally came out!" she said. "Don't forget to put it under your pillow tonight for the tooth fairy!"

I. How did Jimmy feel when he woke up?
2. What did Jimmy see when he looked in the mirror?
3. Where did Jimmy find his tooth?

4. What does Jimmy's mom tell him to do with it?

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Winter Blues

Gina has the winter blues. She is sad because she does not like wintertime. She hates being cold and she hates the snow even more. She doesn't like to go outside unless she has to. When she does go outside, she makes sure to wear her winter coat, hat, boots and mittens. Gina can't wait for spring to come. She is excited to go outside and ride her bike to the park. Until then, she will have to keep warm and try to enjoy the rest of the winter.

I. Why is Gina sad?
2. What does Gina hate about wintertime?
3. What does Gina wear outside?
4. What does Gina want to do in the springtime?

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School Bake Sale

Today is the winter bake sale at our school. My mom will be there selling chocolate cupcakes with sprinkles. I helped her bake them last night. We even put a heart on the top of each cupcake with pink icing. I can't wait to see all of the treats at the bake sale. I have three dollars to spend! I think that I will use some of my money to buy my brother a treat. I hope that there are some chocolate chip cookies!

I. What is happening at school today?

2. What is my mom selling?

3. How much money do I have to spend?

4. What do I hope to find at the bake sale?

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George Washington

George Washington was born on February 22nd, 1732. He was born in Virginia. He is known as "The Father of our Country" because he was the first president of the United States. He was the president for eight years. With his help, the states learned how to work together. A picture of George Washington can be found on the one dollar bill. An interesting fact about George Washington is that he is the only president that did not live in the white house.

I. When was George Washington born?
2. What number president was George Washington?
3. What did George Washington help our states to do?
4. Where can you find a picture of George Washington?





