

# The Student Special

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## The Farmer's Market

By Lynn O'Connell

Skill Book 2 and *City Living*, page 29

New word: **buy**

Let us visit the farmer's market!

A farmer's market is in the city, and farmers come from their farms.

The farmers bring big baskets of fresh things from their farms.

Some farmers bring eggs.

Some farmers bring things from their gardens.

Some farmers bring fish.

Women and men come to the farmer's market to shop.

Boys and girls come to the farmer's market with their mothers and fathers.

Two women buy fresh eggs from a farmer.

The farmer sells them fresh eggs.

Many women buy things from the garden from the farmers.

One man and boy buy fresh fish from another farmer.

The farmer sells them fresh fish.

The farmers thank the women, men, boys, and girls who buy their things.

Then the farmers go to their farms.

The women, men, boys, and girls go.

The boys and girls are ready for lunch.

The women and men go fix lunch.

# Looking Forward to Spring

By Joan Lange Kelller

Skill Book 3 and *Changes*, page 10

New words: **spring, warm**

It is snowing. Children are playing in the snow. They are making snowmen and throwing snow at each other. They are having fun but look cold. It is a cold day.

I am sitting in my warm apartment and listening to the TV. They are telling people to take care driving home in the snow. I am glad I don't have to drive in the snow today.

I stop to think that in a month or two it will start to get warm. I am looking forward to spring. We had enough cold and snow for this year.

I want to see trees starting to get green and young green grass coming up. I want to see families working in their gardens and cutting their grass. It will be warm, and children will be riding bicycles and playing in the parks. Many people will start running in parks, and the sun will feel warm. Everyone will be glad not to wear heavy coats and hats.

I am looking forward to spring as I am watching the children playing in the snow today.

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So try writing something for *The Student Special*. Send it to the Editor, in care of the Literacy Council office. Happy writing!

# The River is Cold

By Ron Wise

Skill Book 1 and *In the Valley*, page 19

New word: **cold**

The children are at the river.

They are fishing.

Liz gets a fish.

Bob gets a fish.

Jill gets a fish.

The children get three fish.

Liz jumps in the river.

She yells, "The river is cold.

The river is cold."

Bob jumps in the river.

He yells, "Yes, the river is cold.

The river is cold."

Jill jumps in the river.

She yells, "The river is cold.

And I am cold."

The children are jumping and kicking in the river.

The river is cold.

The children are cold.

The children are not in the river.

They are looking at the river.

The river is cold.

The children are not cold.

1. The children get \_\_\_\_\_ fish.
2. Jill jumps in the \_\_\_\_\_.
3. The river is \_\_\_\_\_.
4. The children are \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_.
5. The children's names are \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_.

# The Picnic

By Linda Del Bene

Skill Book 2 and *City Living*, page 24

New word: picnic

“Let’s have a picnic!” says Ann.

“Let’s have a picnic in the park.”

“Yes,” says Dan.

“I do not have to work.

Let’s have a picnic in the park.”

Ann fixes a quick lunch.

She puts it in a basket.

Dan adds some apples to the basket.

He adds some bread to the basket.

Ann and Dan jump in the car.

When they get to the park, they sit in the

grass.

They look at the sun and the birds and the river.

They look at the children running at the river.

Ann and Dan have their lunch.

They have their apples.

Then they give some bread to the birds.

Ann and Dan laugh at the birds.

“Look at the birds!” says Ann.

“The birds are having a picnic!” says Dan.

1. Ann and Dan have a \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Ann puts the lunch in a \_\_\_\_\_.
3. At the park Ann and Dan sit in the \_\_\_\_\_.
4. After lunch Ann and Dan give some \_\_\_\_\_ to the \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Dan says, “The \_\_\_\_\_ are having a \_\_\_\_\_.”