



CLASSROOM QUESTIONS – OCTOBER 2023

Reading Comprehension

1. Children’s author Dan Misdea says the most useful thing he was ever told was to be kind. Ask students why they think it’s important to be kind, and have them write three ways they can be kind to others. Ask them to write about an example of something kind they did for someone.

 2. In his column, Conrad Storar says that ospreys are one of the most magnificent raptors in North America. We learn that they migrate to South America, eat mostly fish, and have a reversible outer toe. Ask kids to write a few more interesting facts they learned about ospreys in Conrad’s Classroom.

 3. In her column, teen author Olivia Amiri asks “What do you care about?” She gives many examples but says she thinks it’s not possible to answer the question in a few sentences. Ask students to think about the question and to write as much as they would like in answering it.

 4. Author Benson Shum says that everyone can make a difference in the world. It doesn’t have to be big, it can be as small as a smile and can have a bigger impact than you realize. Discuss this idea with students and ask them to think of and write about something they can do to make a difference, big or small.

 5. Children’s book author Phoebe Sinclair says in order to be a writer, one needs to read. Ask students if they have an interest in writing or being an author. Do they like to read? Have them write some reasons for their answers.
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True or False

1. In the movie *A Million Miles Away*, the main character has dreams of working for NASA. (True or False)
2. In the story *A Weekend With Shaggy*, Shaggy gets bossed around by Stella. (True or False)
3. *Why Did the Monster Cross the Road?* is a new joke book from iconic authors R.L. Stine and Marc Brown. (True or False)
4. In the story *Molly, Olive, and Dexter Play Hide-and-Seek*, Molly hides from Olive and Dexter. (True or False)
5. *Bitsy Bat, School Star* combines information about bats with information about autism in a fictional tale. (True or False)
6. In *Gracie O'ghoul Goes to School*, Gracie would rather disturb all her classmates than make friends with them. (True or False)
7. *The Rocket Says* book series features a little girl ready to take on the world, from science to the environment, and more. (True or False)

Fill in the Blanks

1. In *Maisy's Big Book of Kindness*, the reader sees a lot of kindness from Maisy the _____, like sharing and playing together.
2. In *Little Mouse Adventures: Mindfulness at the Park*, Little Mouse's best friend is a _____ named Mr. Opus.
3. Ospreys can be seen on every continent other than _____.
4. The story *Night Raven* is set in 1880 and takes place in the frigid city of _____.
5. The book *Doodle-Monsters Colorful Creations* is set in the vibrant town of _____.
6. In the story *Chester the (Almost) Pirate*, Chester tries to navigate his way through _____ school.
7. In *Cornbread & Poppy at the Museum*, the name of the small village is _____.

Answers
True/False: 1. True, 2. False, 3. True, 4. False, 5. True, 6. False, 7. True
Fill in the Blanks: 1. Mouse, 2. Cat, 3. Antarctica, 4. Stockholm, 5. Moonsterville, 6. pirate, 7. Moonville

