**Hobbies**

Written by Dennis Michaels

Illustrated by Tom Hurst

***Suffixes –ly, -ful, -er, -or***

gardener gladly peaceful restful painter

boldly boastful actor storyteller weekly

playful hiker(s) bravely teacher

Most people have a hobby. A hobby is something people do in their free time to have fun. What hobbies can you enjoy?

Janet is a gardener. She tends her plants gladly. She thinks her garden is a peaceful place. Making plants grow is restful for Janet.

Kelvin is a painter. He makes huge paintings. He boldly uses bright colors. His paintings are very good, but Kelvin is not boastful about his skills.

Kerry is an actor. She acts in plays. She reads plays too. Kerry gladly tells stories on stage through her fine acting.

Ben is a storyteller too, but he does not act on stage. He leads a weekly story time at a little bookstore. Kids like his playful readings.

Tess is a hiker. She has finished long trails. She has bravely hiked up peaks. Tess is a good teacher for new hikers.

Anything can be a hobby. It can be dance, reading, arts and crafts, or sports. Just find something that makes you happy and have fun!

**2nd grade Unit 5 Week 1**

**“Fire Fighters”**

**Decodable Reader 21**

**In the Woods**

Written by Paula Bilika

Illustrated by Chip Mitchall

***Prefixes un-, re-, pre-, dis-***

unlocks unload precooked unties unpacks unhooks

unsafe relight unrolls repack dislikes

Kenny and his family like to go to the woods. They camp in tents. They swim in the lake and hike in the hills. Kenny unlocks the car. He helps his mom pack. Dad drives them to a good spot. Then they unload tents, full backpacks, and precooked food.

Kenny unties the ropes on the tent. He helps his mom and dad set up the tents. Then Dad unpacks the food and sets out a yummy dinner.

Kenny likes fishing at the lake. If Dad gets a small fish, he unhooks it and puts it back in the lake. Those fish are too little to keep.

Mom puts water on the campfire when they go hiking. “It is unsafe to let it burn,” Mom tells Kenny. “We can relight it later.”

At night, Kenny unrolls his soft sleeping bag and slips in. Sleep will feel good after his full day of hiking, fishing, and swimming.

When it’s time to go, Kenny helps to repack the car. Kenny dislikes litter, so he cleans up the campsite. Kenny can’t wait to come back!

**2nd grade Unit 5 Week 2**

**“One Dark Night”**

**Decodable Reader 22**

**Pen Pals**

Written by Jamie Bersen

Illustrated by Fran W. Beck

***Silent Consonants kn, wr, gn, mb***

write wrote climbed limb knee wrapped numb

knights knit thumb signed

Fred has a friend named Dan. Dan lives far away. Fred and Dan write letters and tell each other a lot. Dan wrote a letter to Fred. So Fred took out paper and wrote a letter back to Dan. He had a lot to tell him. “I climbed a tree and went out on a limb. I fell and hurt my knee. Mom wrapped it and put ice packs on it to make it numb.” “After that, Mom got me a new game with knights, kings, and queens,” Fred wrote. “The knights ride horses.”

Fred told Dan about his camping trip. He told about the two cats that Mom brought home. “I like to watch them play on the rug,” Fred wrote.

Fred told Dan that he is learning to tie knots. His grandmother wants to show him how to knit too. “It looks like a fun hobby,” Fred wrote. Fred told Dan that he had to stop writing. “My thumb is hurting,” he wrote. He signed his letter and added a note: “Write soon!”

**2nd grade Unit 5 Week 3**

**“Bad Dog Dodger”**

**Decodable Reader 23**

**Phil’s Zoo Fun**

Written by Alex Gardner

Illustrated by Nancy Peters

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Phil enough graph Phil’s

photos phrase dolphin(s) laughs

Phil likes animals. Every summer, he and his parents visit the city zoo. Phil can never get enough of seeing things at that zoo.

First, they go in the petting zoo. Phil likes petting the horses. He feeds them hay. A graph posted on the gate shows how fast horses grow.

His mom gives him a bag. It is stuffed with food to feed the eager goats. Those goats eat from Phil’s bag. His dad takes photos.

Phil and his parents pet a soft rabbit on the way out. Next Phil visits wild animals. He sees signs with the phrase “No food!”

Hippos play in mud. They look happy by that cool stream. Three foxes dart under bushes. They are playing.

In the fish house, Phil sees sea stars, puffer fish, sea horses, and sharks. Phil likes to see the sharks getting fed.

Before the zoo closes, Phil and his mom and dad see a dolphin show. The zoo staff taught dolphins to do fun tricks. Splash! Everybody laughs.

**2nd Grade Unit 5 Week 4**

**“Horace and Morris but Mostly Delores”**

**Decodable Reader 25**

**Fun in the Summer Sun**

Written by Maggie Yeom

Illustrated by Cherri Britze

***Vowels aw, au, au(gh), al***

August all baseball walk always caught launch

taller fall falls thaw

August is hot! The sun shines all day. I cannot stop playing in the hot, hot sun.

Baseball is the best game to play in the summer. We walk or run from base to base. We always know our team is good. We win a lot and have fun.

Down at that lake I caught a fish. We tried to launch a boat, but it did not float. Maybe we’ll make a new boat!

Mom thinks I’m always taller at the end of a long summer. I think it’s because I run free on sunny days through the nice green grass.

When August ends, fall will start. First, the winds get cooler. One leaf falls and then more come down until no leaves are left. I wait for the cool fall and cold winter to pass. I wait for the snow to melt and the ground to thaw.

Then it happens. The sun shines longer. The grass grows again. Summer is back! It’s time for more fun in the sun.

**2nd grade Unit 5 Week 5**

**“The Sign Makers’s Assistant”**

**Decodable Reader 25**