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***Phonics Skill: Contractions ‘re, ‘ve, ‘t, ‘nt, ‘d; irregular contractions***

**we’re I’ve they’re doesn’t don’t**

**won’t he’d**

**The Perfect House**

Written by Jake Swanson

Illustrated by Sandy Jenkins

Dad Fox is looking for the perfect house. This house has to be a good fit for him, his wife, and Baby Fox. “We’re going to get a house today!” shouted Dad. “I’ve picked some houses to see. They’re just waiting for us!”

Those Foxes went to the first house. “I don’t like it,” said Baby Fox. “If Baby doesn’t like it, we won’t get it,” added Mom. Those Foxes went to the next house. “I don’t like it,” said Mom Fox. “If Mom doesn’t like it, we won’t get it,” added Dad. Those Foxes went to the third house. “I like it!” shouted Baby Fox. “I like it too!” shouted Mom Fox. “Then I like it too!” shouted Dad Fox.

Dad Fox knew this must be the house he’d dreamed of. “It is perfect for Baby, it is perfect for Mom, and it is perfect for me!” he cried.

That is how those Foxes got their perfect house.

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***Phonics Skill:***

***Adding endings –s, -ed, -ing, -er, -est***

loneliest talking visits tried scampered

sadder started crying skipping stopped

hopping cried trusted biggest shouted

thrilled dancing singing nicest danced

liked happiest smiles purred replied

**King of the Jungle**

Written by Calvin Woods

Lonny was the loneliest. He is king of this jungle, but other beasts don’t like talking with him. Nobody ever visits. Lonny tried talking to others, but most just scampered off. Lonny got sadder and sadder. He started crying.

Bonny Bunny came skipping by. She saw Lonny crying. Bonny felt afraid. Then she stopped to think. Why did the king cry? Bonny started hopping toward Lonny. “Hello!” she cried. Lonny trusted Bonny. He told Bonny how he felt.

“Let’s throw the biggest party!” shouted Bonny. She was thrilled to help. “We can plan dancing and singing. They will see that you are the nicest.” That’s what Bonny and Lonny did. All those animals came. They danced and sang. Everyone liked talking with Lonny. All of them had fun.

Lonny is the happiest king. Now he smiles and smiles. “Thanks so much, Bonny!” Lonny purred. “Anything to help,” she replied.

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***Phonics Skill***

***Common Syllables –tion, -ture***

station section caution nation

mentioned action motion captured

picture future

**My First Football Game**

Written by Kelley Fulsom

My sister is taking me to my first football game. I can hardly wait! We left the station and walked to the school. We found our seats in the lower section.

“Why do those players have on such big shirts?” I asked. “There are pads under them,” my sister replied. “The players must use caution so that they don’t get hurt.”

“This team is one of the best in the nation,” my sister mentioned. I can tell that she is proud of her school’s team. We saw lots of action in this game. It was hard to see it all because the motion was so fast. We saw action in the stands too. Fans clapped and yelled for each team. When our team captured the ball and won, my sister jumped up and hugged me.

We took a picture with the winning players. When I see that picture in the future, it will remind me of the fun we had.

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***Phonics Skill***

***Suffixes –ness, -less***

useless restless darkness brightness

helpless sleepless kindness goodness

**In the Darkness**

Written by Joel Grand

There was an awful storm. It knocked out our power. We had no lights. Many things in our house were useless. We felt restless in the darkness. We went to look for things to do. We found something that helped us in the darkness.

Mom found her flashlight. The light was small, but its brightness made us feel brave. Mom and I went to explore. “We are not helpless,” Mom added. “We have light, and we have each other, so we’re not lonely.”

When it was bedtime, Mom and I went to my room. I was sleepless. My nightlight did not glow. Mom stayed with me.

Mom was still in my room when I woke. “Why did you stay?” I asked. “I didn’t want you to be afraid,” she said. As I hugged Mom for her kindness, I saw that the clock blinked on and off. “Thank goodness!” Our power is on,” Mom cried. “No more staying in the darkness!”

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***Phonics Skill***

***Prefixes mid-, mis-***

midtown midday misprint misleading

midyear midweek midnight

**The Big Sale**

Written by Lisa Vollmer

Jane and her dad went to Midtown Market to shop at midday on Sunday. They found a good sale at that store.

Dad looked at a tag. “This price can’t be right. I’ve never seen shirts this cheap!” The clerk came by. “I will check,” she said. “It might be a misprint, which would be misleading.” She went to ask her boss.

That clerk came back smiling. “It is right,” she said. “This midyear sale had good prices.” Jane and Dad looked for other good deals. Then Dad looked at the clock. “We have to pick up Mom,” he said. “We will be late if we don’t go now.”

“Maybe we can return midweek,” Jane said. “This sale ends at midnight,” the clerk noted. Dad looked again at that cheap shirt. “Mom will want to see these good deals,” he noted. “We will bring her here while these prices are low.”