

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL

Winter break is over and Chloe is back in school with all her friends. She doesn't know how to read yet, but she gets the flash cards Mrs. Simmons made for her and studies them while the other children practice reading.



She looks at all the marks on the cards very carefully. Maybe if she looks at them long enough, she will learn to read.

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hen Ben finishes with his book, he offers to help Chloe.

He holds up a card so she can see it, but he does not say the word aloud.

Chloe sees the black marks on the card but she doesn't know what word they make.

She guesses that the word is 'down' so she lies down. Uh-oh.

The word on the card is not 'down'. Can you read the word on the card?



Nobody laughs at Chloe. They know that it is hard to learn to read.

Ben tries another card. Chloe can tell that these marks are different but she still doesn't know what word they make.

She guesses again. Maybe **this** word is 'down'. She lies down again.

Uh-oh. The word on the card is not 'down'.

What is this word?

Chloe and Ben decide to keep trying, but secretly Chloe wonders if reading is really something that dogs can do.



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hen she gets home from school she tells Teddy how much fun it was to see everyone again.



She tells Teddy about the reading lesson. She is a little sad that she can't read yet. Teddy reminds her that not everybody can do everything, and that's okay. People can't run fast on four legs. People can't wag their tails. People can't smell things as well as dogs can. Chloe feels better but decides to keep trying just in case she can learn to read.

A DAY FOR LOVE

Hannah is in Chloe's class. She is quiet like Chloe, but Chloe doesn't know her very well. Today Hannah looks sad, so Chloe decides this is a very good day to get to know her better.

Chloe goes and lies down next to Hannah. She tells Hannah that she looks very pretty in her pink outfit. Hannah smiles.



Hannah tells Chloe that today is a special day and she'd love to share it with Chloe.

It is Valentine's Day. Chloe has never heard of Valentine's Day. Hannah explains that it is a special day to share love with everyone. It is day to have fun and dress up in pretty colors.



Hannah gets Chloe's blue scarf and tries to put it on Chloe, but Chloe has other ideas!