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Don't Forget our Illustrated Edition.

HOW TO TEACH READING.

There are three recognized methods of teaching reading. By memorizing the alphabet, a later and more improved method, teaching by word, and the still later method of teaching by sentence.

The old method of teaching a child to read by first teaching him the alphabet, then teaching him how to put each letter into a word entails needless labor for the child and for the teacher.

By the word method, words are learned and recognized, and saves the needless labor and tireless repetition of going over and over each letter.

The sentence method is taught by teaching the child to recognize the sentences instead of the letter or word.

The easiest way for teaching the word method, is by choosing about fifty words from the primer and write them on the black board with colored chalk, for bright colors always appeal to children. After the words are written on the board illustrate them with a picture drawn by yourself or cut from some picture book. At first the child is only able to recognize the word by the illustration, but finally the word is learned and the picture can be erased but the word is firmly placed in the child's mind. By this way children have acquired a vocabulary of

about fifty words that they are able to recognize any where that they are seen.

Now it is time to let them begin to read in their primer. Each day the child learns new words from his primer, but with a vocabulary of fifty words the child is able to read very well. By now the child is able to recognize any letter in his alphabet and he has learned it without any useless and tiresome work.

E. A.

LIBRARY CLUB MEETING

Thursday after school the Library Club met to see about whether it would be advisable to give those who wished a chance to resign from the club. After a little discussion it was decided by the House to accept the resignation of any one desiring to withdraw. Earl Sealy was the only one who passed in a resignation.

Officers were chosen for the Club. Lillie Morrow, Ora Smoot and Mollie Hopkins were appointed committee on the Drill.

Porter Cotten secretary.
Ora Smoot and Eunice Nisbett were elected editors, and Cora Berry, Mollie Hopkins and Ethel Morrow reporters for the GAIL SCHOOL JOURNAL.

How would our paper do for an advertising medium? Do you like it? Maybe other folks do too. Try it once and you will come again.

See { Ora Smoot.
Lillie Morrow.
Eunice Nisbett. } Business managers

OUR ILLUSTRATED EDITION.

We are making arrangements to have an illustrated edition of the JOURNAL some time soon, if you know of anything of which there should be a picture in the paper let us know about it. We will come around in our capacity as staff reporter and take a picture of it and if the photographer or in graver does not ruin it we will put it in our illustrated edition. It would be a nice advertisement for a business man to have a cut of the interior of his place of business on the pages of our paper. We believe a Real Estate man could sell more land if he could hand his man a copy of the GAIL SCHOOL JOURNAL with a picture of one of the ideal farms in Borden county on the front page. Give us some good pictures and then talk to us about having it published. We want the outside world to know that there is such a place as Gail and the only way we can let them know is by showing them as much of Gail as possible. Nearly half our subscription list is composed of out of town subscribers and we will get out an extra number so that every man in Gail can have one to send to his friend back east. Then your friend will move to Gail and your circle of happiness will be complete. Come on and help us make our Souvenir edition a howling success.

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CO-OPERATION OF PARENTS.

Parents should be willing to hold up the hands of the teachers in their work and discipline of the school at all times. This co-operation should be cheerfully and willingly given for the help of the teacher, the good of the children and the welfare of a community. Unless this help is given a teacher cannot possibly do his best work and give best results.

What then is the duty of a parent toward a teacher and what do teachers have a right to expect? One of the best things for a parent in co-operating with a teacher is to advise a child to obey the teacher in every thing. The responsibility of a teacher is great and one can readily see how much more difficult the task of teaching is if a child is encouraged to disregard the wishes of the teacher. Again the child should not be permitted to speak disrespectful of the teacher, nor should parents be too willing to listen to the complaints of a child. Very often poor work or conduct on the part of the pupil calls forth

and unjust criticism of the teachers when by a personal investigation on the part of the parent the direct cause might be found and corrected. It is best for parents and older brothers and sisters not to laugh at the smart things a child tells of doing at school to annoy the teacher or other pupils. A laugh will be so much encouragement it may harm the child more than it will the teacher.

Another and very important part in this co-operation is to see

that the child comes to school every day. A teacher positively cannot do justice to a pupil who does not come half the time. He misses something every day he loses even if he does study diligently at home. A successful school cannot be taught without the co-operation of parents and teachers. Bearing this in mind let us no longer delay in uniting our forces for the good of the children.

A Teacher.

A PRIMARY LAMENT.

When Friday comes and school is out
We're joyous glad and free.
For then till Monday comes again
We let our lessons be

And nothing do but play and romp
From early morn till night.
O yes I'm glad when Friday comes
And I with main and might

Can run and play the live long day
And throw my books aside
And spin my tops and play at ball
And new stick horses ride.

SCHOOL IDYL

The notes were flitting back and forth
From boy to girl all day
And messages of love were sent
By folks across the way.

If you love me like I love you
Was put in accents tearful.
The way those notes were passed across
Was something mighty fearful.

The teacher looked and then a change
Came over each culprits face
Neglected books were scanned once more
And studied for a space

Then the teacher turned again
And girls and boys were glad
To get a chance for making up
Because they had been mad.

SMILES.

The Myrtles' smile is quite reserved
And Eunice smiles so funny
That Alma smiles in sympathy
While Ora smiles for money.

And Ola's smile is not compared
To any thing on earth
While Alma Sealy sits and grins
At Zettie's silent mirth.

And Fay may smile for half a day
But Alma D will never
Smile unless Miss Myrtle does
And Mollie smiles forever.

And Josie smiles and shows her teeth
And Ethel Moves her eyes
And Cora B and Lillie M
Both smile in mild surprise.

The reason why they smile so much
Is, well perhaps you know.
I will not tell you now because
It would amuse you so.

A school is like a great big clock
Or so it seems to me,
The school house is a lofty case,
The teacher is the key.

And when the teacher winds the clock
The scholars all recite,
And move around like cunning wheels,
From morning until night.

Its face and hands are clean and bright
Its ticking seems to say,
"O little ones be good, be good!
Learn something every day."

But if it goes to running wrong
The penalty will be,
It will be wound up very strong
And swiftly by the key.

The school is like a great big clock
It never should run down;
It sets the time for coming years
To every one in town.

Given by a Fourth Grade pupil.

HOW DO TREAT YOUR SISTER?

It is the easiest thing in the world for a boy to be polite to some other boys sister. Then why is it that some find it so hard to be agreeably courteous to their own sister? Many a boy is rude to his sister without readily realizing it, in other words he forgets to be polite. Then again he is afraid of being dubbed "sissy," if he should be caught paying some attention to his sister.

It is a bad habit for any one to get into—that of saving ones polite ways for out siders.

If she asks you a question don't answer her in a rude careless manner as if you thought she did not know what she was talking about, and wasn't worth listeneng to.

Don't tease her or make fun of her in a way to hurt her feelings. You wouldn't do that to some other girl.

You can just bank all you have on the boy that is kind and thoughtful to his sister. For you may be sure he will develop in the right sort of a man, and is bound to win the respect and the admiration of every one.

E. M.

Sure Returns: Capital

invested in books for the school library will pay

100 per cent

on the dollar in the form of better equipped citizens for the future. Good deeds always come back to a man. Besides your capital is always there and draws interest without manipulation. Give us some books.

**Library Club,
Gail, Texas**

PUPILS PAGE

Messrs. E. R. Yellot and T. M. Jones paid the Gail High School a pleasant visit Friday afternoon. Others invited to come.

Harvey Everett, Earl Sealy and Sid Cathey enjoyed a game of basket ball with the High School girls Friday at noon.

Misses Sammie and Ethel Morrow started to school Monday. We are glad to have them with us.

We have changed our program again. The eighth grade comes first from now on. We are well pleased with the new program.

We have gotten red and yellow strips of cloth for the purpose of telling who is on our side.

Last Friday to our surprise there came late in the dead hours of midnight our last years teacher. Mr. W. S. McClung. He did not arrive in time to visit our school but we trust that the next time that he arrives so late that he will stay long enough to come and make us a visit.

The fifth and seventh grade arithmetic classes have made rapid progress this week.

Sammie Morrow was absent from school the latter part of this week as she was very ill with tonsilitis.

On account of the rapid enlargement of the seventh grade algebra class it has become necessary to order half dozen more algebras.

Mr. L. F. McKay has a new suit of clothes and he was so proud that he dressed up Thursday night and went to ask Mr. Taylor how nice he looked.

Miss Alma DeShazo was absent from school Thursday.

Bertie Fritz has been absent from school this week.

The fifth grade had a funny reading lesson Tuesday evening.

On Monday last we had a sad parting day with one of our eighth grade pupils (Echol Park.) He attended this school until the school at his home began. We regretted to give him up for he was such a studious pupil.

We imagine Mr. Harvy Everett wishes he had fifteen cents in the basket ball, perhaps more.

Boyd Cotten enjoys listening to the U. S. History recite.

Sid Cathey was absent from school Monday.

With a little more studying the sixth grade will soon be up with the fifth grade.

Mr. Joe Dillahunty was absent from school Monday and Tuesday.

Mr. McKay thinks his fifth grade studies too much about recess and has to wait too long after their class is heard for recess, so he changed the program last Tuesday.

We would like for Miss Myrtle Hopkins to remember that there are other Miss Myrtles in school besides herself.

Miss Myrtle Hopkins enjoys taking her pencil to Mr. Harvy Everett to get it sharpened.

Miss Lillie Morrow would do better if she would let professor teach school.

The greens are beating the yellows playing basket ball, so far.

We have three new pupils in the primary room this week.

Charlie Baker was absent from school Friday afternoon.

Miss Pearl Gober is absent from school this week.

Miss Fay Jolly has turned over a new leaf just lately. She won't pass them on any more.

Misses Fay Jolly and Zettie Cathey watch the back of the room as tho they were acting as day watchman.

We will give Misses Fay Jolly and Ola Kincaid permission to kick, hug and kiss a girl providing they can find one that will let them do so. But we will sure fowl them for treating the basket ball that way.

While engaged in playing basket ball Thursday at noon Miss Myrtle Smoot got hit in the eye which resulted in a severe headache. The pain was so great that she was unable to attend school Friday.

Miss Alma Dickenson was absent from school Friday.

As the little boys in the two lowest rooms of the Gail High School were spending much of their play time in plugging marbls with their tops as an easy way of playing keeps. The Intermediate and Primary teachers saw it was necessary to report to professor, who has prohibited keeps in any form on the school grounds.

Harvy Everett. * *
Fay Jolly. *
Zettie Cathey. * *
Myrtle Hopkins
Bee Burnett. *
Alma Dickinson *
Molly Hopkins