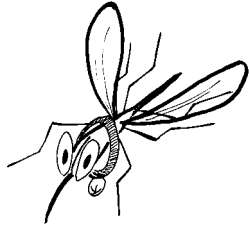




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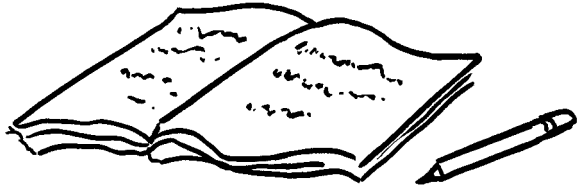
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For Ben-
A poet, who knows it





MY PET MOSQUITO

I have a pet mosquito,
It lives inside a jar.
I caught it yesterday,
Inside my mother's car.

I think it's getting hungry
'Cause it's buzzing less and less.
Its wings are hanging down
And it looks a little stressed.

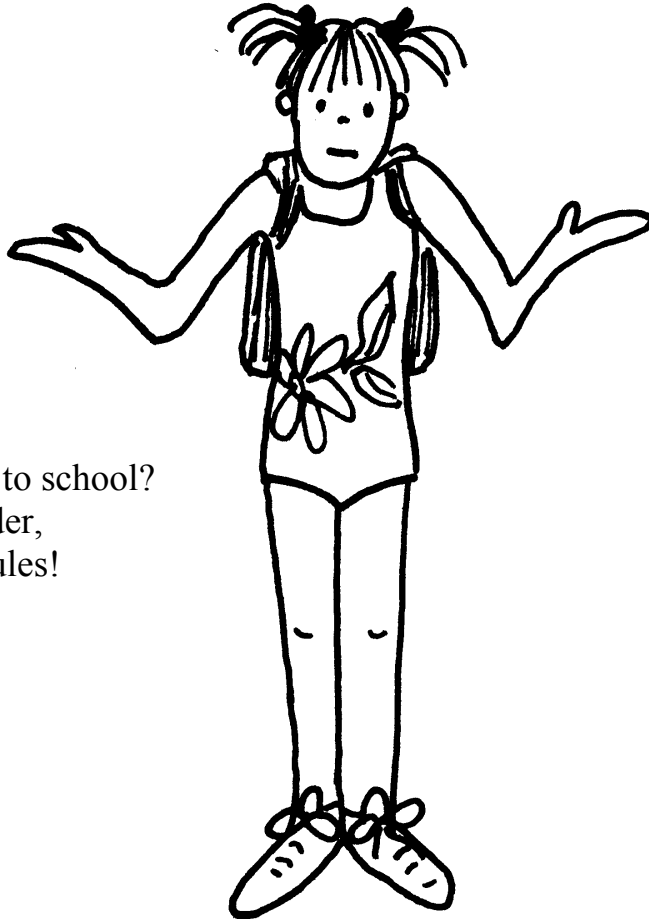
I'm going to let it out
To get some exercise
And have a little snack –
Won't my sister be surprised!

READY FOR SCHOOL

I combed my hair,
I tied my shoes.
Two times,
Just like you told me to.

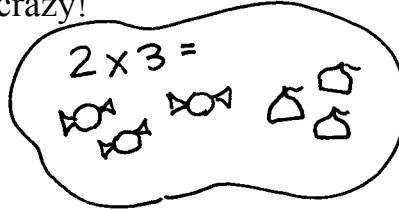
My backpack's loaded,
I'm ready to go.
So why, oh why,
Are you staring so?

My clothes?
I can't wear my swimsuit to school?
Just who's the one I wonder,
That makes up all these rules!



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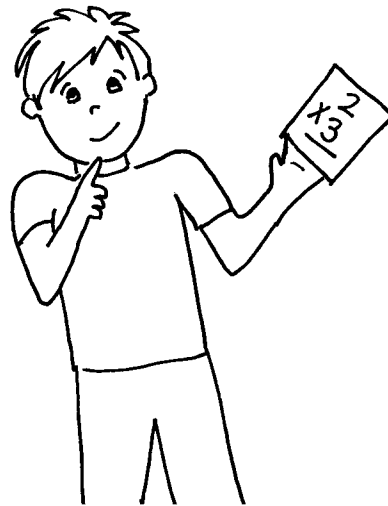
Multiplication is making me crazy!
My head is swimming,
My eyes are all hazy.



Why should I care
What the answer might be,
To 4×2 or 5×3 ?

But if my teacher should give out candy
To kids who knew math facts,
It might come in handy.

So give me those flash cards.
Now let me see,
Do I get twice as much candy for 2×3 ?





ON TIME

There was a young boy named Nate
Who was always running late.
When his teacher asked why,
He said with a sigh,
Believe me, I really do try!

To be ON Time
Is hard to do.
When I stand on my watch
It breaks in two!