

Life of a Student Readings

Year: 1960



To: Grandfather Herman
1414 Herman Ln.
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Dearest Grandfather,

In my studies today, we have been instructed to send correspondence to a family member using the new typewriter in the school. I hope this message finds you well.

Today was a standard day for the most part. After washing up and eating breakfast, I rode ten minutes on my bicycle to school. However I took a different route and got to school a few minutes late. The students who took the bus went inside, but I started the day clapping erasers outside as soon as the bell rang at 8:30 a.m. I was particularly upset about this because Mother just purchased for me a new pair of saddle oxfords, and I do not like for them to get dusty!

Some rowdy boys started throwing their cheese sandwiches in the lunchroom today. I'm sure their mothers did not approve of that after they likely spent all of that time last night packing their sons' lunches! The discipline attendant quickly stopped the food fight and assigned the boys to washing blackboards after school. I think wasting their lunches and being hungry all afternoon would have been enough punishment! I quickly exited the chaos, but the water fountains have such low pressure here in the school, I could barely get a drink. So, I returned to the classroom thirsty for the afternoon.

The afternoon did get much better! We did get to finish our studies early today as a light bulb blew out and since this takes quite a while to fix, we were instructed to put our journals away for the day. Then, on my bicycle ride home I watched about a dozen deer feeding on the edge of the meadow! I'm glad our dog Max wasn't with me. He is scared of other animals.

I was impatient to get home because my favorite television program comes on at 4 p.m. on Wednesdays. I got to watch for a whole half-hour with no interruptions from my little brother!

With Love and Warmest Regards,

Ansel

