

Police Athletic/Activities Leagues Activity Book

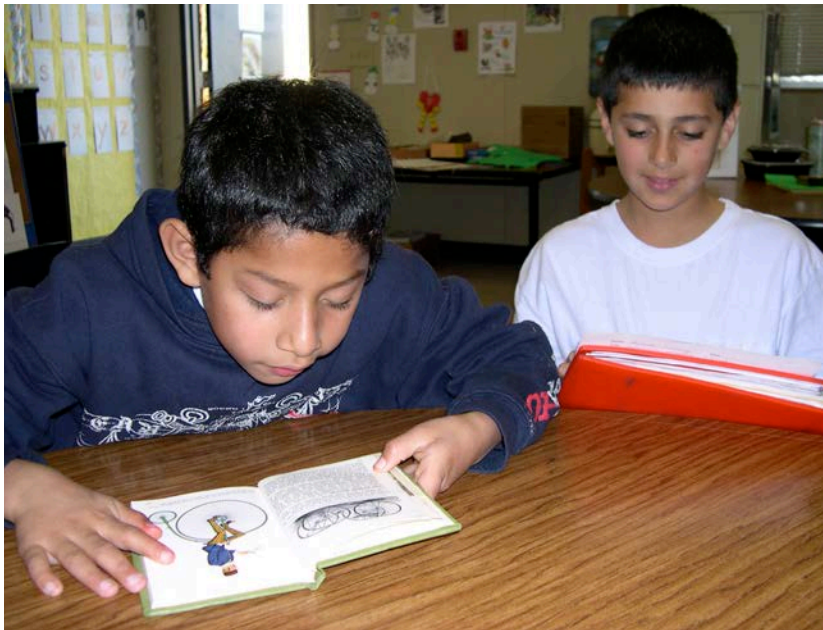


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Chapter 5

Truancy



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Dear Boys and Girls,

Some days I want to be a pilot when I grow up and fly airplanes around the world. Other days I dream of becoming a computer programmer and creating cool games for kids. I'd also like to be a teacher and help children learn. When I see a policewoman or a fireman, I think that looks like an important job, too. There sure are a lot of choices for my future!

Jobs may all be different, but there's one thing they have in common...they all begin with school! School's where the future begins, and that means showing up every day to learn.

Most kids are in school for about nine months a year. There sure is a lot to learn in that time! Keeping up with school is much easier when you're there every day – paying attention, joining in and learning cool things you'll need when you're older. Staying away from school means missing out on the fun and on your future – and that's just not a good idea.

One thing I do know – you've got to “show up to grow up,” and I plan to do just that! How about you?

Your PAL,

Tyron

Before Reading

Keeping promises

Do people see you as someone who keeps promises?

Show the way

What can you say if someone breaks a promise?

Keep improving

What does it mean to be trustworthy?

Choose Like a PAL Champ

Problem 1: It's a bright Friday morning in spring. There's a big test today that you've been studying for. Your friends want to go to the park and play because they didn't study like you did. They take off and want you to join them.

What's the problem?

What's the best choice? WHY?

Problem 2: Your brother ditched school today. You know where he went, but he told you not to tell mom and dad. You decide not to be a snitch.

What's the problem?

What's the best choice? Why?

You Decide

Scenario 1: Mario asks you to write a fake note about why he wasn't in class yesterday and sign it with his mother's name. Mario was playing hooky.

What Would you say?

What Would you Do?

Scenario 2: Devina didn't do her homework and doesn't want to go to class because she knows she will have to stay after to finish her work.

What Would you say?

What Would you Do?

Building Character

Commitment

Following through

Few things in life have as much power as commitment.

John D  Lemme

What do you think this quote means?

How can commitment be powerful?

Describe a time when you committed yourself to something.

Finish It

Read each phrase and finish the sentence.

It's important not to miss school because...

One thing I can do to keep up with schoolwork is...

If someone wanted me to cut school, I would...

Three ways I can set a good example are...

1.

2.

3.

Marcus "Writes" a Wrong

Marcus wants to write a letter to his parents telling them why he is sorry. What does he write?

Dear Mom and Dad,

*Your son,
Marcus*

Break the Code

Use the code to figure out what Marcus said about his future.

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