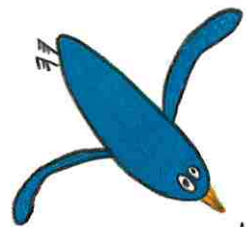


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Dear
Teacher

By Amy Husband

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Me →



Sunnybank Elementary School

Friday, August 15th

Dear Michael,

We are looking forward to welcoming you back to school for the start of the new year. I hope you have had a really fun break and are ready to dive into lots of learning!

This year your class will be working especially hard in math, history, geography, and English. I am sure that if you study carefully, you will find those spelling tests can be a fun challenge!

Your new teacher is called Miss Brooks. She has all sorts of exciting plans for the new year. We look forward to seeing you on Monday.

Yours sincerely,

N.T. Grindstone

Mr. N. T. Grindstone
Principal





Dear Teacher,

I might be a bit late for the first day of school. The weirdest thing happened today. The head of the

secret service turned up!

They need me for a special secret mission to find a



missing explorer. I did mention

the math test, but he just said that the future of the country depends on me. I couldn't

say no. Sorry Miss Brooks.



✓ (Fingers crossed
I'll be back
in time for
the test!)



P.S. Bruno's coming with me—he makes a great bloodhound.

P.P.S. The stuff I've told you is Top Secret, so please eat this letter.

From Michael



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Dear Teacher,

The explorer was stuck on top of Mount Everest! We rescued him and Bruno was awesome! I've never seen a dog go that fast before.

The explorer told me

about an ancient treasure map

hidden in Egypt.

He has a bad cold,

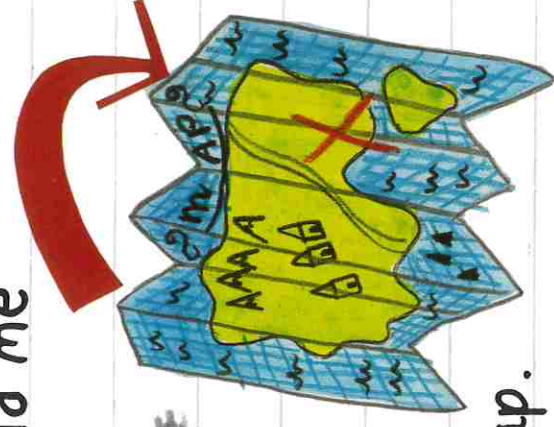
so he wants me to

search for the map.

(I did tell him I had to get

back for the math test,

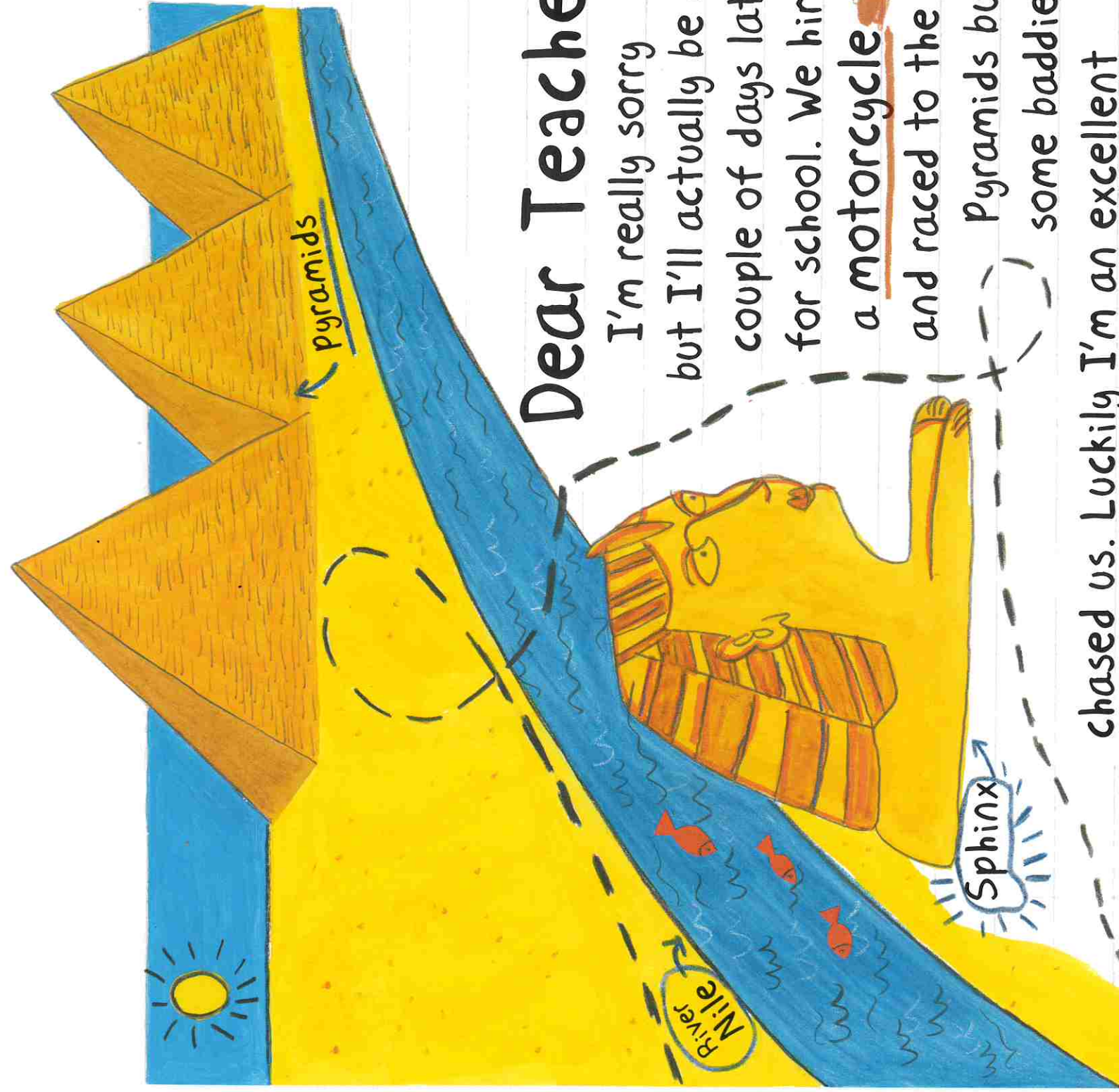
but this is really important.)



I will probably only be a few hours late for the first day of school.

From Michael

P.S. Please don't let Nicholas sit in my place.



Dear Teacher,

I'm really sorry
but I'll actually be a
couple of days late
for school. We hired
a motorcycle
and raced to the
Pyramids but
some baddies
chased us. Luckily I'm an excellent
driver and we got away and hid onboard a boat.



Honest, Miss Brooks,
I didn't know it
was going to the
Amazon River!
The map says
the treasure
is hidden there
so I might
as well find it.

From Michael

 TELEGRAM

TEACHER.

AMAZON VERY HOT AND DANGEROUS.

NO SIGN OF TREASURE.

SORRY ABOUT RIPPED PAPER.

ATTACKED BY CROC.

LIVING OFF BEETLES AND SPIDERS.

REALLY MISS PEANUT BUTTER SANDWICHES.

WILL BE EVEN LATER NOW.

HIPPO ATE COMPASS.

MICHAEL.

P.S. OH NO! SNAKES CAN SWIM!



Dear Teacher,

We found the hidden treasure!

treasure

Me &
Bruno



(We're out
of the Amazon
now, phew.)

~~It~~ It was hidden behind a waterfall, not
by a river! Bruno was holding the map the
wrong way. (Never trust a dog with a map.)

We'll head home as soon as we can find
some transportation. The bad news is, I'll
be really late for the start of school, sorry.

From Michael

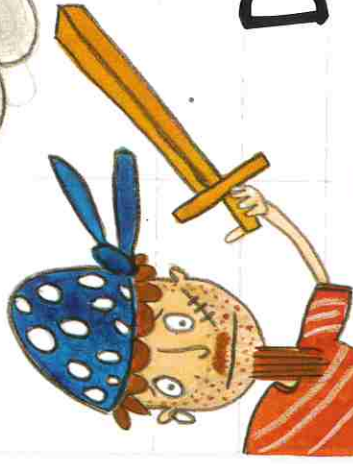
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This is all still

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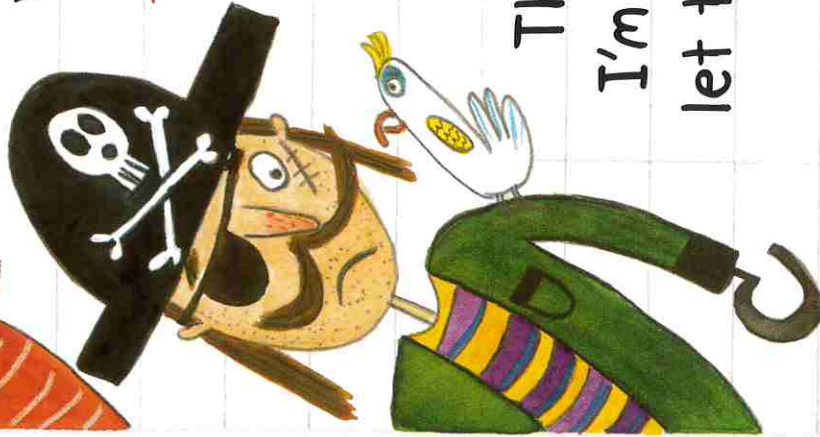
so don't tell anyone.





Dear Teacher,

We found a boat home but Pirates attacked us! The Pirate King tied us up, stole the treasure, and made us walk the plank! Thank goodness Bruno and I are such good swimmers. I'm going to get the treasure back. This could make me really, really late! I'm really sorry, Miss Brooks, but I can't let the Pirate King get away with this.



From Michael



P.S. Please don't let Nicholas use my markers.

P.P.S. I don't mind if he takes my turn at tidying the storage cupboard.





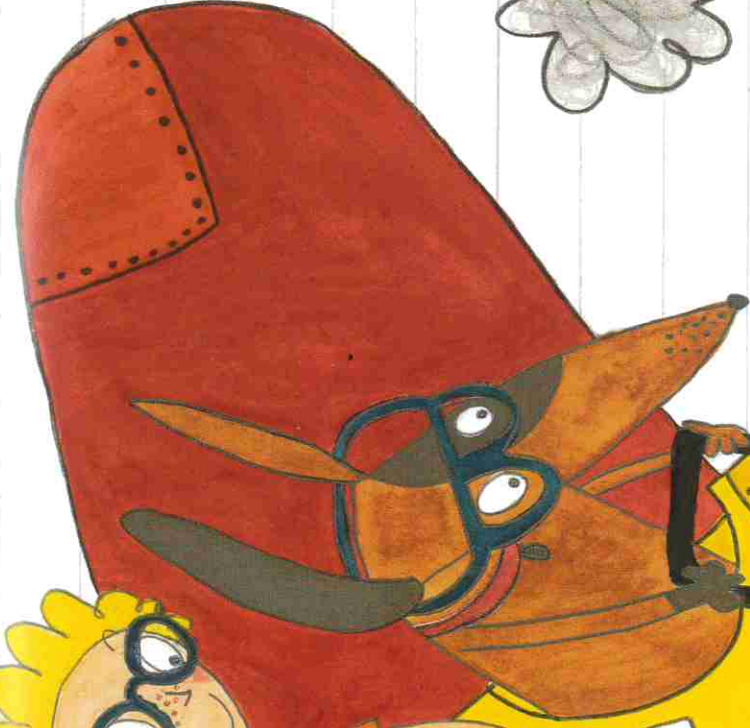
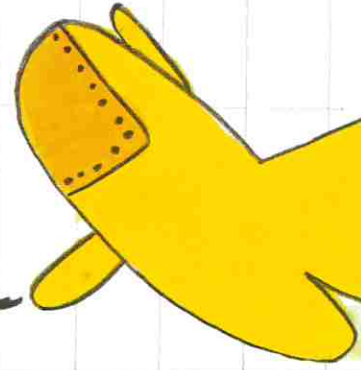
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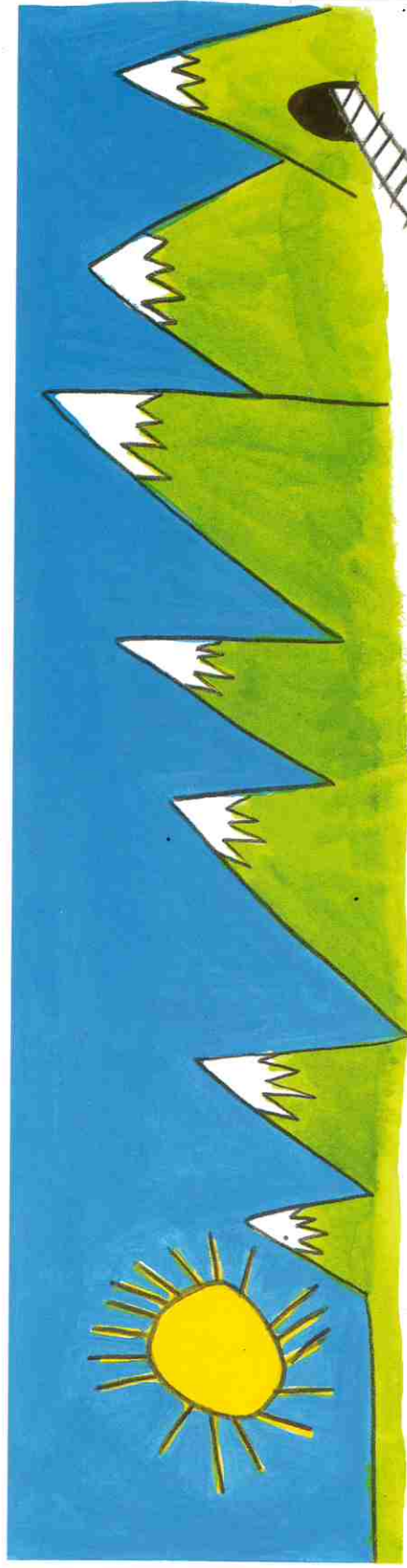
We found out where the pirates are going, and we've hired an airplane to try to cut them off. Wish us luck!

We'll be a little longer than I thought, but don't worry, Miss Brooks, ~~I~~ I can't wait to catch up on all the work.

From Michael

P.S. Bruno makes a super copilot, except when he tries to chase birds . . .





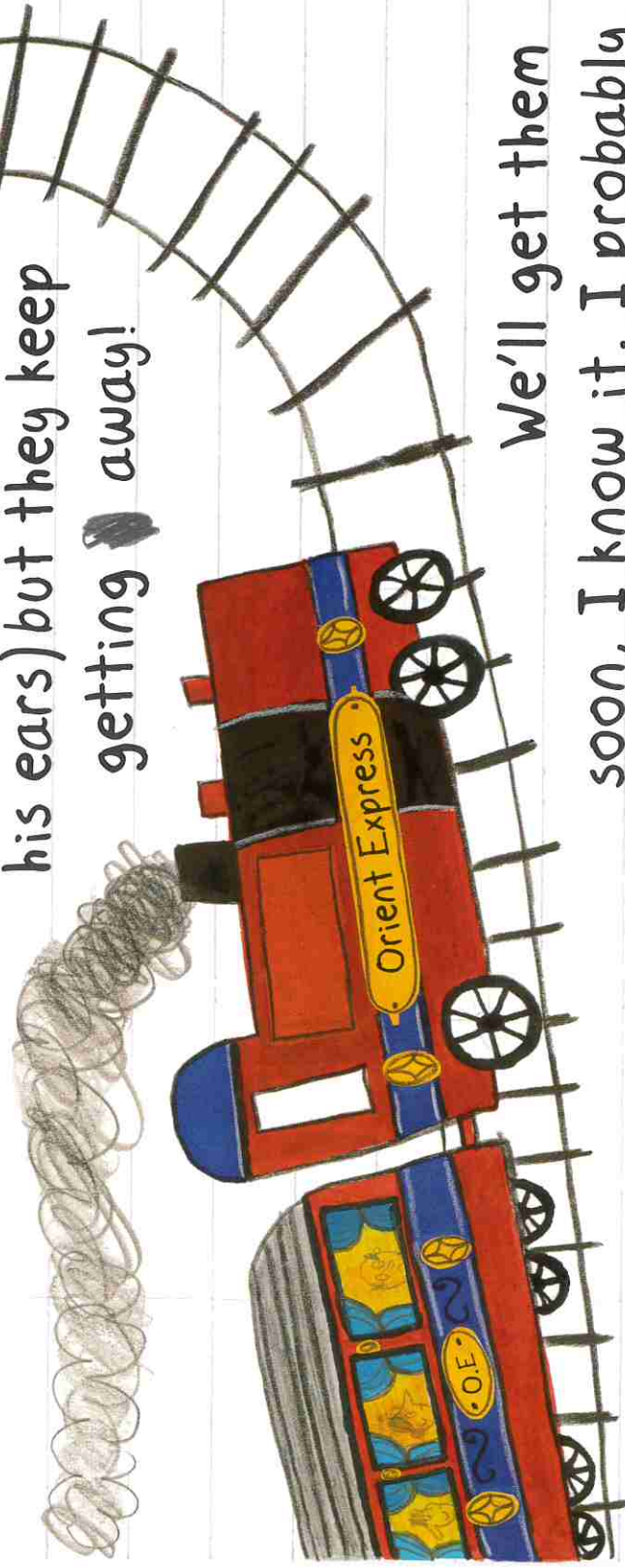
Dear Teacher,

We've tracked the pirates as far as the Orient Express now!

We nearly caught them a few times

(need to get Bruno a hair tie for

his ears) but they keep getting away!

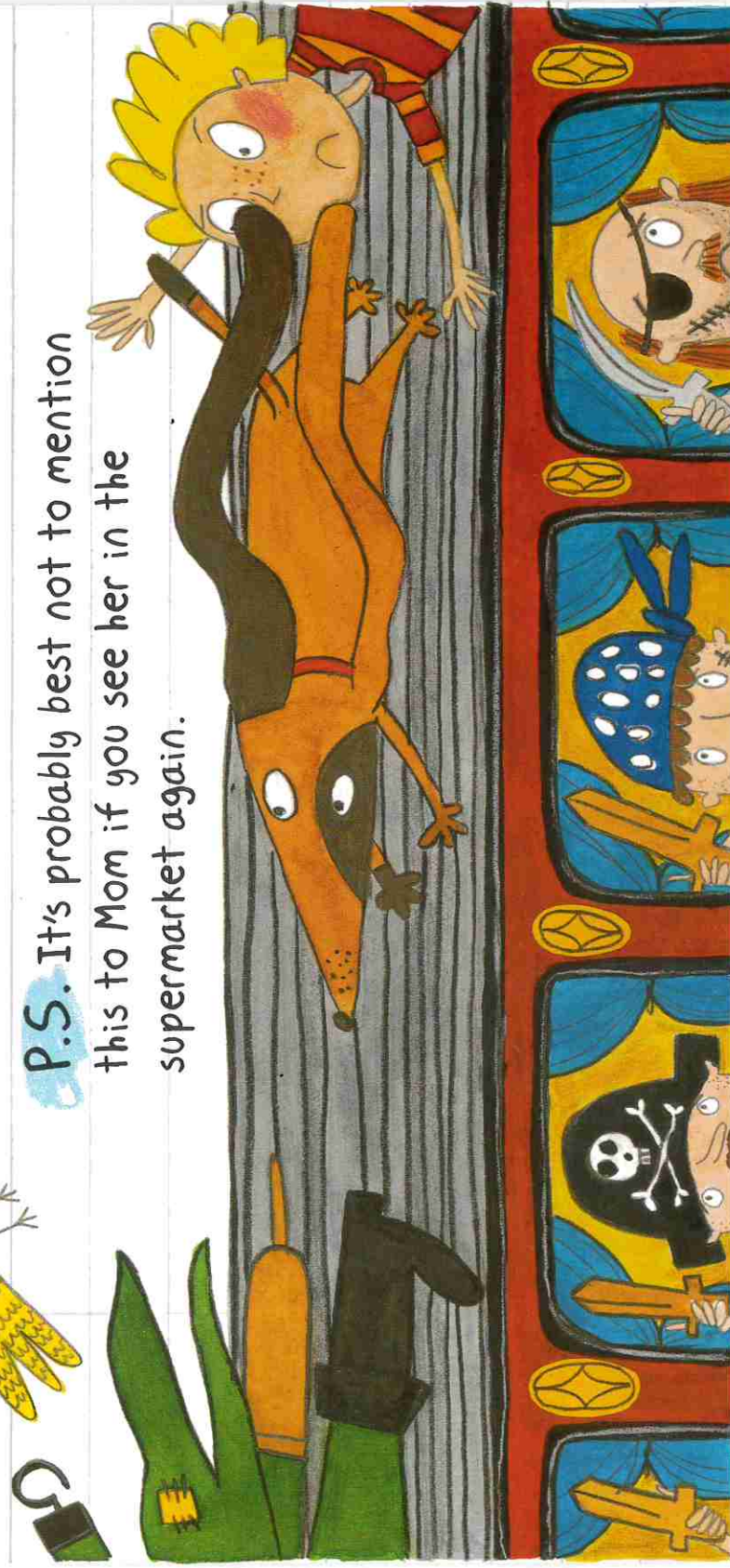


We'll get them soon, I know it. I probably won't be back for a while now, sorry.



From Michael

P.S. It's probably best not to mention this to Mom if you see her in the supermarket again.



Dear Teacher,

I've got some good news and some bad news. We caught the Pirate King trying to steal a rocket! Bruno and I stopped him though. Now for the bad news. I'm not going to be coming back ever.

I'm really disappointed

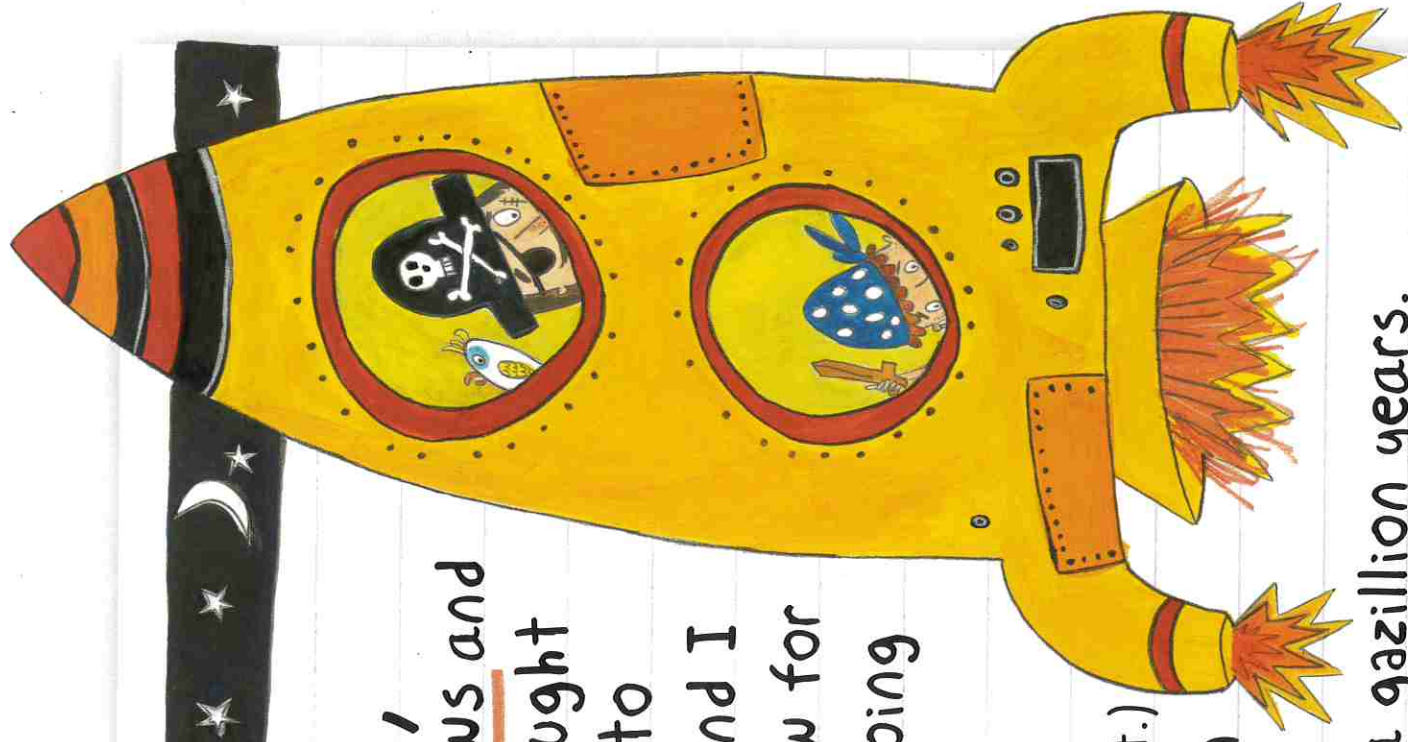
(especially about the science test.)

NASA

wants me to go on a space mission.

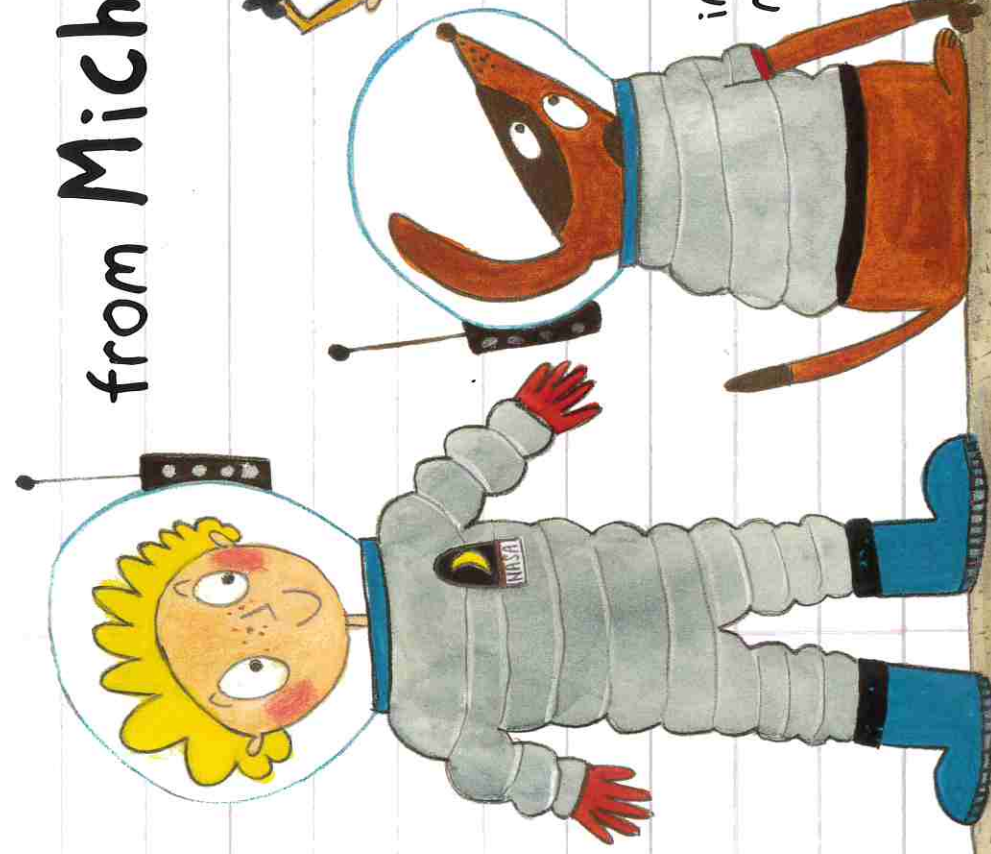
I'll be on the moon for a gazillion years.

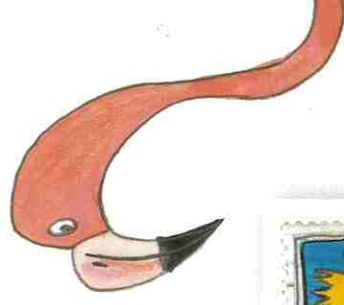
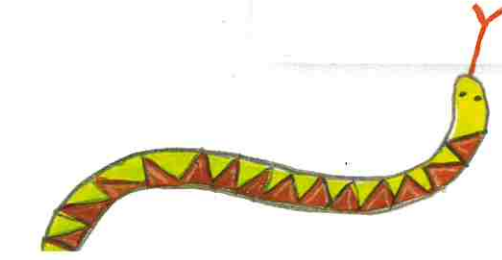
I told them about the math tests, but they said that the future of the planet has to come first. Bruno's coming too, so I won't be lonely.



from Michael

P.S. Tell Nicholas he can use my markers as long as he puts the lids back on properly.





Post Card



The school trip to the zoo is awesome! In fact it's so good, I'm not coming home. The zookeeper asked me to stay here to work with the wild animals. Miss Brooks said it would be okay with you. Don't bother her about this though. I'll let you know when you can come for a visit. (Please send Bruno with some

peanut butter sandwiches.)



From Michael x

P.S. Nicholas is working here too. I'm letting him do all the sweeping in the elephant and monkey habitats.

Dear
Mom
and
Dad

