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Student Materials

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Helping Readers

► Lots of children like to read books. In large towns, they can go to the library. But some towns do not have libraries. Other towns have small ones with few books. In these towns, children may have a hard time finding books to read.

One day, young Brandon did not go to school. His teachers were having a work day. His mom took him to work with her. She worked at a children's center. Many children went to the center after school. That day, Brandon went to a meeting with his mom about opening a library at the center. They could not come up with a way to solve the problem of money. There was too little money to buy all the books.

The next day, the teacher gave the class a challenge. She asked them if they could find a way to help others in their town. Brandon told his class about the plan to open a library at the center. The boys and girls in Brandon's class all wanted to help with a book drive. Many brought old books from home. They collected all the books the center needed!

Brandon did not stop there. He knew that many others required books. Brandon and his mom started a group called "Book Ends." The group works to collect books and support libraries. They want to make sure that children everywhere have books to read. After all, you cannot practice reading if you do not have a book!

Beach Volleyball

► There is a lot to do at the beach. You can play in the waves or look for shells. Jill was at the beach with a lot of her family members. She was having fun, but she was the only child there. She longed to have other children to play with. Jill asked an aunt to take a stroll with her. Luckily, her aunt agreed.

Jill and her aunt had only walked a short distance down the beach when Jill spotted a volleyball and a net for public use. She picked up the ball and hit it up in the air. She had seen people play volleyball, but she had never played. Her aunt showed her how to serve the ball over the net. They practiced hitting the ball back and forth.

They were so engaged in play, they did not notice two people approaching. It was another child and a man. They asked if they could play, too. Of course, Jill agreed. With two people on each team, they began playing.

Soon, other people walked up. Everyone wanted to play beach volleyball! The teams kept getting larger. Each person had a great time. When their game was over, they took a walk on the beach together. All the children swam and played while the adults watched.

Afterwards, Jill and her aunt walked back to their family's spot on the beach. "Beach volleyball is a great way to meet new friends," Jill said. Her aunt agreed.

Juggling

► Deb walked with her family down a busy street in their city. They saw people performing. Some were playing guitars and singing. Others were drawing or painting. Deb wanted to stop and watch a juggler. She watched him begin by tossing three balls in the air. He kept adding one ball at a time until there were six of them. Then he changed to bowling balls. He kept changing his act, making it harder and harder. Deb wanted to watch him all day, but her family had other things to do. She decided she would learn how to juggle. That way, she could watch herself perform.

Back at home, Deb asked her mother how to juggle. Her mother did not know. Deb asked other people she knew, but no one could tell her how to juggle. The next week at school, Deb asked the librarian. The librarian did not know how to juggle, but she knew how to help Deb. She helped Deb find a book all about juggling. Deb checked it out. She couldn't wait to get started.

The book told Deb to start with small beanbags. They are soft and easy to juggle. Her brother had some beanbags, so Deb borrowed three and then studied the book. The book split learning to juggle into small steps. Deb worked hard to master each step. She practiced facing her bed so she didn't have to pick the bags off the floor every time she fumbled a catch. She worked at it for a little bit each day, and soon Deb was juggling. She couldn't wait to show her family her new trick.
