

Social Media Contest ~ FEBRUARY ~ Create (give your point of view) and Evaluate (defend your position)

Directions: Read the two passages below. Neatly write your complete answers on a piece of paper, 3-4 sentences for each scenario, and give it to your homeroom teacher by February 6th. Be sure to write your name on the paper and check your punctuation before you hand it in.

NOTE: Completing both challenges will give you 20 points. Now, go create and evaluate!

A. MY FRIEND WANTS TO PLAY, BUT MY OTHER FRIENDS SAY NO ~ (WORTH 10 POINTS)

In Bradd's backyard there was a huge oak tree. Whenever Bradd and his friends Matt and Carl played in the backyard they always talked about how much fun it would be to build a fort in the tree. Bradd asked his dad about it, and he promised that someday, when he had a little extra time, he'd take Bradd to the lumberyard to get wood and they would build the fort together.

During summer vacation, Matt and Carl went to their grandmother's for a long visit, and at first Bradd was very lonesome. Then, he started playing with Freddy who lived down the block. Freddy had lived in the neighborhood just about as long as Bradd had, but they hadn't played together much. It seemed that Freddy just didn't fit in when Bradd, Matt, and Carl were playing together. And, besides, a lot of times Matt and Carl weren't very nice to Freddy, so he usually went home. But now, with Matt and Carl gone, Bradd found himself playing with Freddy almost every day, and as time went by, the two of them became really good friends.

One Saturday morning, Bradd's dad said he had time to build the fort. Bradd dashed out of the house to tell Freddy the good news and they were back in no time, waiting for Dad to get his car keys. All weekend the three of them worked on the fort and by dinnertime Sunday, it was finished. There was no doubt in Freddy's and Bradd's minds that it was the best fort anyone had ever built! For the rest of the summer, they spent more time in the fort than anywhere else.

Early one morning toward the end of summer vacation, Bradd heard a knock on his door. When he opened it, there were Matt and Carl. The first thing Bradd said was, "Oh boy, you're back! Just wait 'til you see what's new in the backyard!" The three boys raced through the house and into the backyard. When Matt and Carl saw the tree fort, they shouted together, "You built the tree fort!" They all climbed the ladder and were having a wonderful time playing in the fort when Freddy arrived. Carl whispered to Bradd, "What's he doing here? He's a creep. Tell him to go home."

WHAT COULD BRADD DO?

B. TO PAY OR NOT TO PAY? ~ (WORTH 10 POINTS)

Billy had been collecting aluminum cans all year. He hoped that before baseball tryouts he'd have enough money to buy a new glove and bat. He knew it would be important to practice with the glove and bat before he tried out, and everything was working out just right. He still had two weeks left and today was the day he was going to sell his last load of cans.

As soon as Mr. Garland paid him for the cans, Billy counted all his money. Sure enough, he had what he needed plus \$1.50 extra! "Boy, that was close!" he thought, "but I've got enough." Off he raced to the sporting goods store to buy the bat and glove he'd been looking at for the last six months. But when he got to the store, he couldn't believe his eyes. The glove had gone up in price! Now he'd have only enough money to buy it alone. The bat would have to wait until he could earn more money. And there was no way he could get enough money before tryouts.

Sadly he walked up to the cash register to pay. The salesperson picked up the glove but didn't even look at the price. To Billy's surprise, he rang up the old amount instead of the new price. Billy thought to himself, "He must have forgotten that the price has gone up." He started to say something, then a thought occurred to him. "If I don't say anything, I'll have enough money to get the bat, too. And I really want that bat." Just then the salesman interrupted his thinking to ask, "Is there anything else you want?"

WHAT MIGHT BILLY DO?