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Wings of Wonder

THE JOY OF
HOBBIES

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BALLET DANCE

Music touched my ears and heart;
I started swirling and twirling with
my feet slowly going apart

Late evening it was;
And the world for me looked like it
had paused



Mrs. Anne said in a loud tone and
strict voice;
Oh deary dear! Stop making so much
of noise
Dance with elegance and poise

Her hair bun was high and tight;
Her eyes shined so bright

Though she was strict;
I admired her to every bit

My hands moved like wings in the sky;
With every step I felt like I could fly

My toes were as pointed as the humming birds' beak;
Watching it was a delightful treat



One hour passed by;
And it was time to say goodbye

Tomorrow we will meet again said Mrs. Anne sternly;
As she spoke her eyes moved across the hall swiftly
Chirpy and happy the students left;
I went to Mrs. Anne with a quest



Ma'am can I ask you a question I said softly;
Go on Meher, she said hurriedly

I am afraid to perform in front of
the crowd next week;
Please ma'am don't get angry at me



BELIEVE IN YOURSELF



Mrs Anne smiled and said
oh! Meher, deary dear;
You just need to believe in
yourself and your fear will
disappear

COURAGE + KINDNESS

Always remember that courage and kindness is inside everyone;
And it will make you always shine, smile and have fun

With

CONFIDENCE



SATISFACTION

I walked out of the hall;

Ready to face the world outside
the classroom walls.





CRICKET

"Rahul bowl from the crease"
Shouted Shreya at ease

Rahul looked behind at his captain
And knew her intention

I will get this wicket don't worry
And he ran towards the crease swiftly



'It's a six' said the umpire
Raised both his hands and
moved his fingers like fire

Disappointed Rahul went to his team huddle
Where his team had made a full circle



Shristhi said "we have 2 balls left and they need 10 runs to win"
"We'll win this game for sure" raj said with a grin

Shreya looked at Rahul with confidence
And gave him a pat on the back with prudence

The whistle blew and Rahul went
back to bowl

In the last 2 balls Suresh hit two
consecutive six with a great stroke



'Team green has won' spoke
the commentator
And with that the stadium of
RJX School came to a cheer



Upset and Sad with his bowling
Rahul sat on the ground
When an overjoyed Suresh saw
him and hugged him from behind

WINNING AND LOSING

ARE PART OF THE GAME

HAVING

SPORTSMAN SPIRIT

IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN

FAME

Some days we lose and some days we win
But what more important is we continue to practice and don't quit

The captain of the red team
congratulated the green team
And also patted to her own team
members for a great scene



The school coach gathered all the players on the ground
While the viewers and the cheer leaders were rejoicing aloud



Both teams have played very well
But one team has to excel
Team green won today
But team red showed a great play



LOSING IS AS IMPORTANT AS WINNING



AS IT
TEACHES YOUR
MISTAKES IN
THE INNING



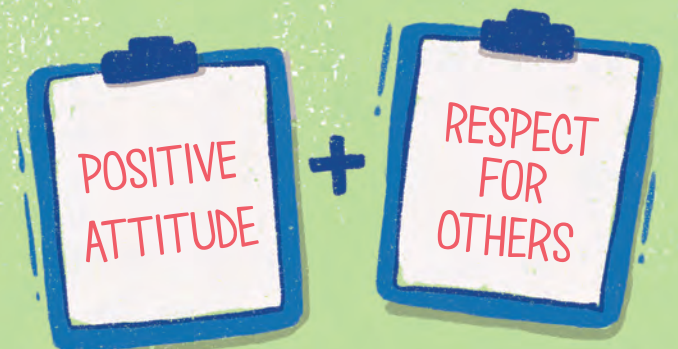
As much as we want to always ace
Sometimes we lose and we have to accept that too with grace

PRACTICE MAKES A MAN PERFECT

I read somewhere in the prefix

Positive attitude
matters the most

And Respect for every player
is what makes us good in sports





SPORTS IS AN IMPORTANT
FORM OF EXERCISE



And we must all play with full might

I want every player to smile today
Because the game was very well played'

SMILE!

VERY WELL PLAYED!



The students listened carefully
As their coach said these words slowly

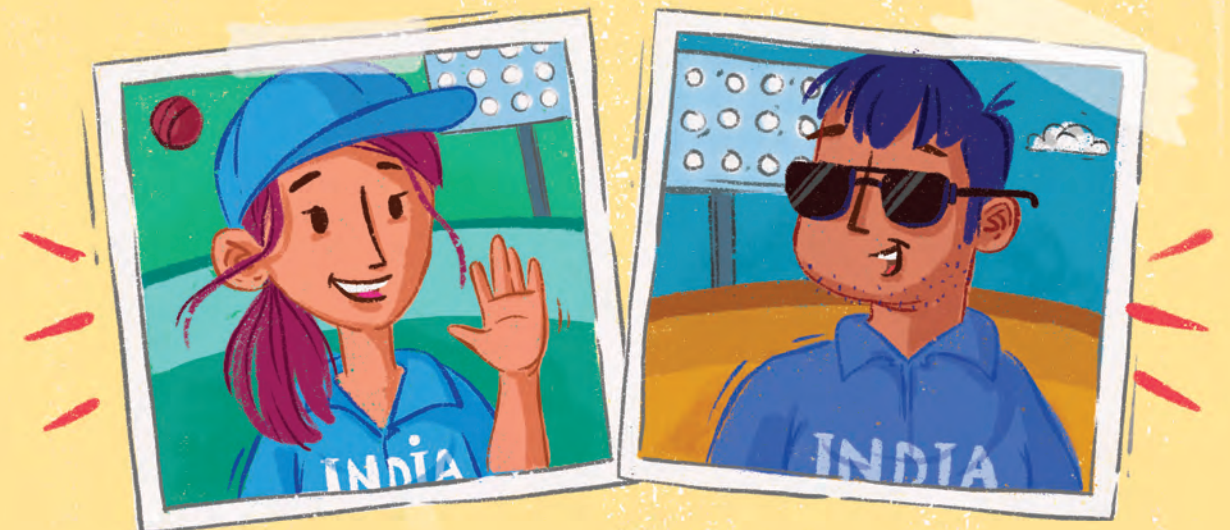
Both the teams enjoyed the game
But more importantly learnt a very important lesson today

Happy and excited they will practice the next day
As it will teach them something new while at play



Maybe Rahul becomes the captain of the Indian
Men's cricket team

And maybe Shreya gets selected for the Indian
Women's cricket team



Who knows what the future will behold
But hard work and practice can take a person to new
heights is what we know

MUSIC

It was a cold winter morning
And it was heavily snowing



Dakshan and Arhaan excitedly
got out of their bed
'It's Christmas today' they
thought in their head



Quickly they got ready and wore their new clothes
Had their breakfast of cookies, milk and healthy oats

'We are done with our breakfast mother, let's go
We don't want to be late, today is our show'



Dakshan was jumping
in excitement
As he had to sing carols today,
which was his commitment

Arhaan was shying away
Because he was one of the wise men in the play



Dakshan had been learning
music for over a year
And today he had to sing with
his peers

He had been practicing the carols for a week
And was so nervous that on the way he didn't speak

Arhaan always enjoyed being
an actor
And in some plays used to be
an orator

He had been attending all the
theatre classes
And always stood out from the
masses



Both of them were brothers
But had different interest in extra - curriculums



Upon reaching the school, their mother sat in the audience
And they rushed to listen to their teacher in obedience

'All the boys and girls who are singing the carols
Stand under the toy castle

And all those participating in the play
Stand in the back stage'

Dakshan stood in the front row
With excitement his cheeks glowed



Arhaan wore a head piece
And looked like a cute little treat

The play started and the audience cheered
The carols were sung and the characters appeared



The play showed the birth of Jesus Christ in Bethlehem
And the travel of the three wise men

The wise men followed a miraculous guiding star
And reached Bethlehem from land that was far

Upon reaching they bowed to Lord Jesus
And adorned him with 3 gifts that were precious



Mother Mary was shown loving her son
While the carols were being sung

The play ended
And the audience applauded

Santa gave a surprise entry the
last minute

Making all the kids excited with
his visit

Ringling a bell and saying "ho ho ho"

He distributed toffees and
chocolates taking a bow



Arhaan and Dakshan ran towards their mother
Hugged her while looking at each other

'Well done both my boys
You both make me proud' she said with a happy voice



'Mom, how did I sing?' asked Dakshan
'First tell me how I acted?' yelled Arhaan

Their mother laughed and said
'You both are brothers yet very different in every aspect

Dakshan you sang beautifully
Arhaan you acted very nicely

HOBBIES ARE
BY CHOICE

AND IT'S FOR YOU
TO ENJOY



They teach you to be patient and brave
And also to be competitive while at play
I am glad you both have chosen your hobbies wisely
And want you to enjoy it fully

Now let's go home and prepare
for Math test

And in the evening we can enjoy the
Christmas dinner and then rest'

Arhaan and Dakshan sat
happily in the car
Chatting about the guiding
star



GUIDELINES FOR TEACHERS/PARENTS:

The concept of the author is to write rhyming stories for children, as it helps them learn English in a fun way. Every rhyming story helps the child focus on the important values and habits that must be inculcated in them.

Through the rhyming stories of this book, the students will get to know importance of co-curricular activities and how it builds the personality of the children.

BALLET DANCE

The story starts with the first 4 lines explaining how much Meher (the main lead) is enjoying ballet dancing

Lines 5-11: gives a detailed description of the Ballet dance teacher, her neat and tidy physical appearance, her strictness yet passion for her art and concern for students

Line 12-15: explains the movement of the hands and legs in ballet

Lines 19-23: shows the courage it takes for children to discuss their feeling with the elders be it parents or teachers.

Also one should encourage children to ask questions or doubts as it helps them to find clarity in life

CRICKET

This rhyming story is about a school cricket match that takes place between team red and team green of the school

Lines 1-8: explains the cricket scenario happening in the school and it's almost that time when the game is coming to an end. Also the writer emphasis that the team is a mix of boys and girls as cricket is a sport played by both genders as we have both Indian women and men cricket in this country

Lines 9-11: explains the scenario that during the match Rahul is disappointed as he played badly but the team captain encourages him

Whether the team is playing well or poorly, it's important for the team captain to be encouraging to all its team members and maintain calm till end of the game

Line 19-20: show the bonding of friends in spite of being in different teams

Lines 21-24: explains an important concept in sports

Lines 24-25: Meher expresses her feelings freely. The two lines express a very common feeling that children face just before performing in front of so many people and it's very important for children to speak about it and discuss no matter how strict the teacher or parent is.

Lines 26-31: The teacher explains Meher that the feeling of being scared is normal but one must understand that courage and kindness is inside every person and being true to yourself and knowing that you have the courage you can overcome any obstacle

Confidence comes with courage and being kind towards everyone and everything

and life. In life every child should understand the importance of winning and losing. While winning makes one happy but losing teaches us the mistakes. It's important to congratulate the winning team and show the sportsman spirit.

It's also important to continue practice and not give up easily. Sooner or later one will achieve the desired result, as every person who has won anything great has learnt from his/her mistakes and losses

Line 25-26: shows the sportsman spirit of the losing team captain and also shows that it is important for the captain of the losing team to encourage them to play and work harder

Line 29-44: the coach explains the players of both the teams played well, but in sports only one time can win. The losing team put a great fight and did play their very best. And it's important to accept a loss as it teaches you your mistakes and help you win in future. More than winning or losing, it's the



MUSIC

The story is about two brothers Dakshan and Arhaan who participate in Christmas play. The story discusses the importance of hobbies and how every child should be encouraged the hobby of his/her choice

Line 1-12: explains a mix of feelings of excitement and nervousness/shyness that kids have before performing in front of so many people. The mood is of festivity and fun.

Lines 13- 22: explain how every individual have different interest and parents should encourage their children's interest. They should allow their kids to explore every opportunity so that the kids can themselves figure out their interest. Here dakshan and Arhaan are brothers but still they gave different interest and their mother has encouraged them. Dakshan practice singing and arhaan theatre. Both the kids have been regularly attending their extra curriculum classes.

Lines 33-44: tells the story of the birth of Jesus

Jesus was born in Bethlehem to mother Mary. Jesus was boring during the time when King Herod was the ruler. And 3 wise men came from foreign land following the guiding star and asked the king "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We

saw his star in the east and have come to worship him". They further told the king that a ruler who will be the shepherd of my people Israel is born. The king secretly found out the precise time when the star had emerged and told the wise men to look for the child and inform him when the child is found. Upon following the star, they reached the stable where Jesus was born and presented to gifts of gold, myrrh and incense. They were then warned in a dream not to go back to king Herod, as he planned to kill Jesus.

Lines 45-48: Santa distributes sweets to the kids during Christmas time. Santa Claus is actually based on St Nicholas who was born in 280A.D. He was known for his kindness and generosity and distributed most of his wealth to poor.

Lines 49-68: the children go to their mother for appreciation and feedback on their performance. The parents should appreciate their kids for all the efforts they put in studies and curricular. It's important to understand that hobbies are meant to enjoy and are taken by choice. At the same time every hobby needs practice and patients and in return it teaches us values of team play, healthy competition, sportsmanship, courage, confidence among other qualities,

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