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Do you play basketball, board games, or jump rope with your friends? Most games have rules. There are also rules for having friends and being a friend. Being a good friend isn't always easy. It takes practice. In this book you will practice how to:

- Get along with your friends as you play.
- Get along with your family.
- Make new friends.
- Be the best friend you can be.

You will learn about keeping your friends, saying no to invitations, handling disagreements, cheating, and questioning rules that seem unfair.

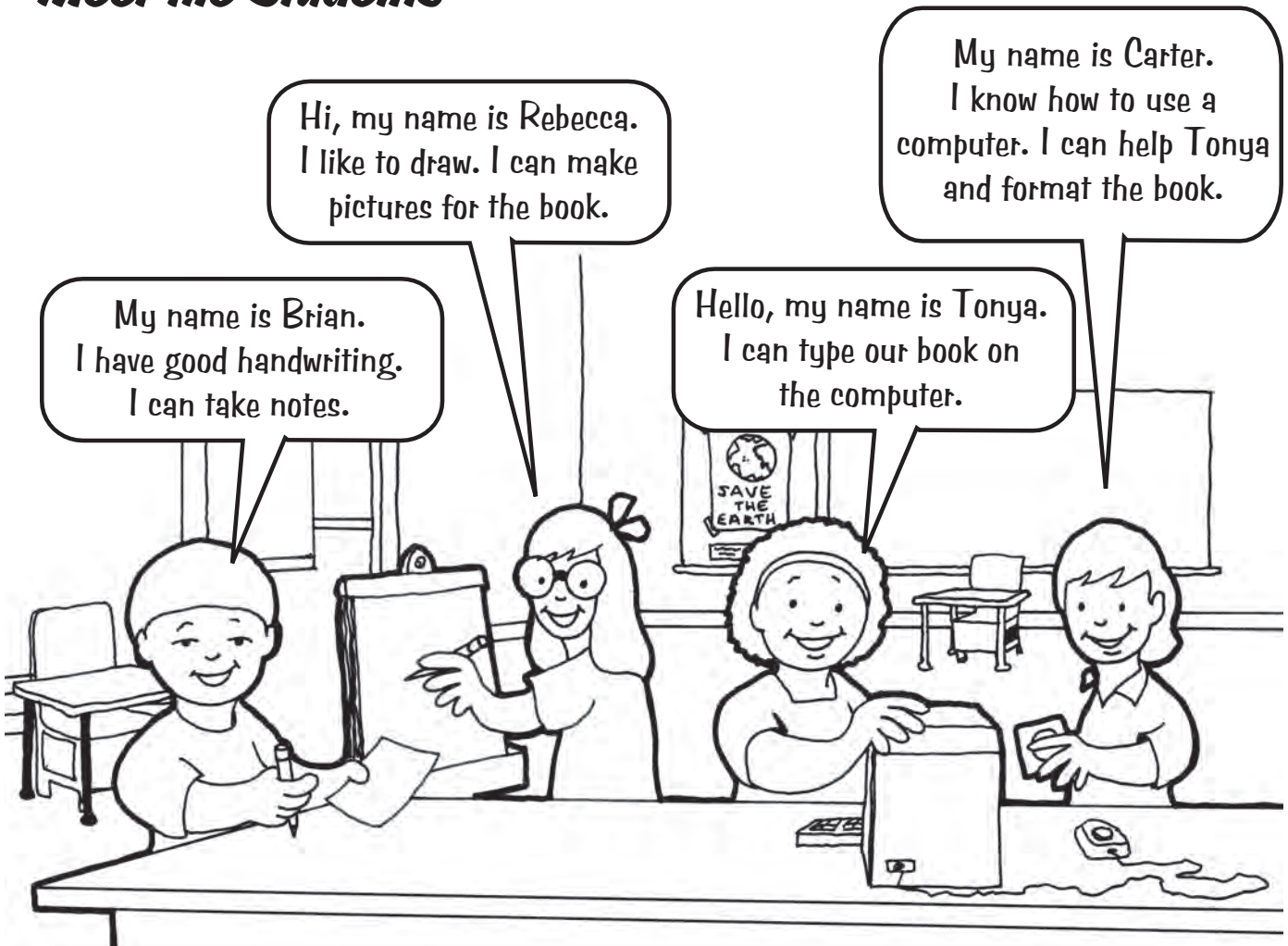
Meet Mr. "Homework" Harwell

Welcome to the new school year! We'll have lots of fun this year! For our first assignment, you'll work together in groups of four on a very important project. Each group will make a book, and the subject of this book is *Being the Best Me*. It's a guide for you and your friends, and you'll learn a lot while you make it.

Can you believe it? Homework on the first day of school?!?



Meet the Students



Your book is made up of 100 points, and will be scored this way.

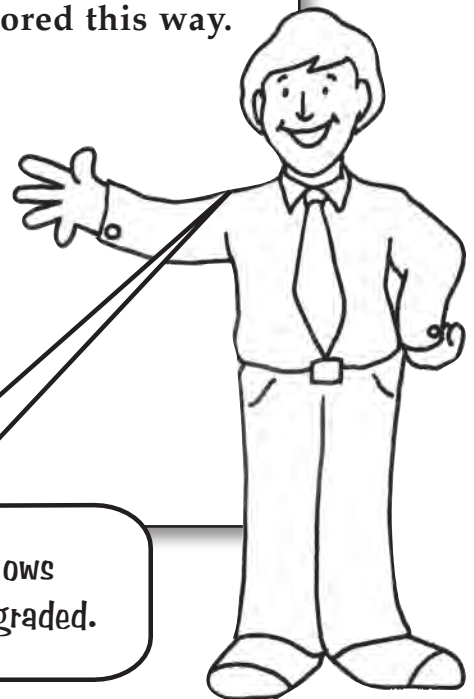
You should include rules for:

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| 15 points | Getting along with classmates |
| 15 points | Getting along with adults |
| 10 points | Manners and politeness |
| 10 points | Mealtime manners |

Your group will also earn:

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| 5 points | Group participation |
| 20 points | Grammar and correct spelling |
| 15 points | Neatness |
| 10 points | Artwork |

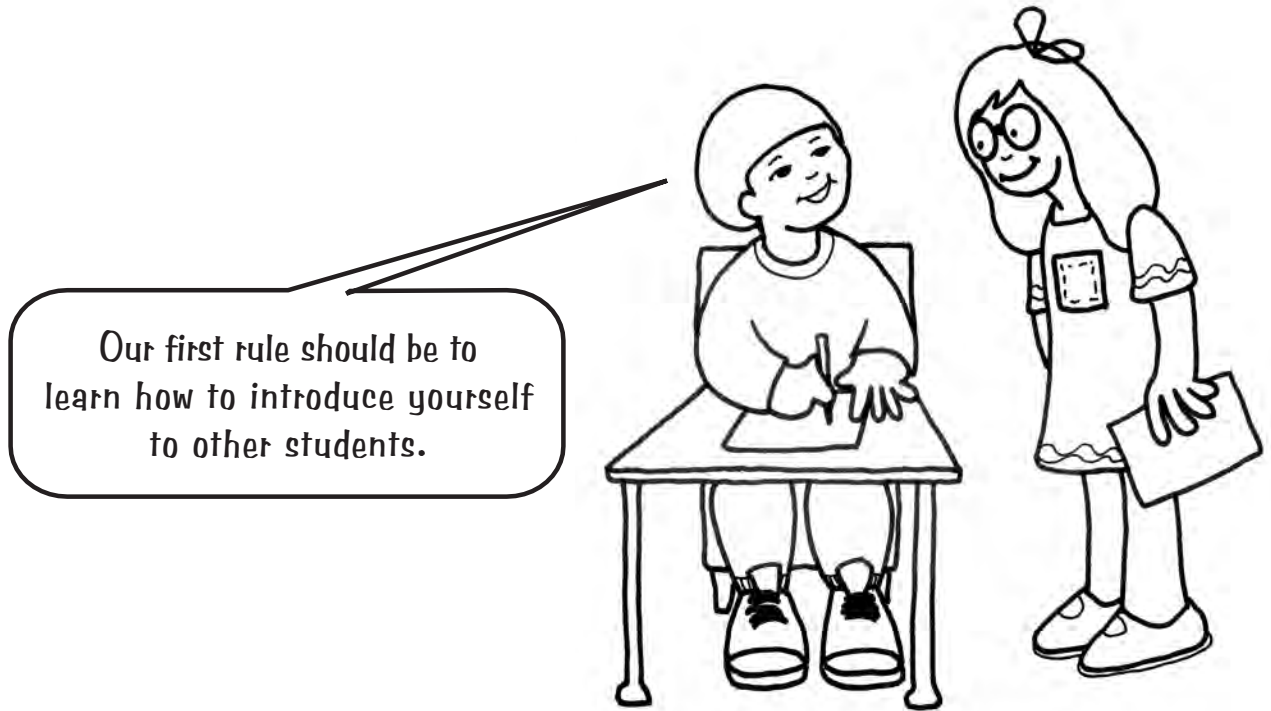
The scoring sheet shows
how your books will be graded.



Introducing Yourself to Other Children

When meeting new other students for the first time, follow these steps:

- Say your name.
- Ask the other student's name.
- Tell something about yourself.
- Ask the other student a question.



Practice introducing yourself to a new friend. Try to keep the conversation going.

Fill in the blanks.

1. Hello, my name is _____.
2. What is your _____ ?
3. I'm in the _____ grade.
4. What grade are _____ in?
5. In my free time I like to _____.
6. What do _____ like to do?
7. At school, my favorite subject is _____.
8. What is your favorite _____ ?