

from **THE TALE OF SQUIRREL**
NUTKIN

One autumn when the nuts were ripe, and the leaves on the hazel bushes were golden and green—Nutkin and Twinkleberry and all the other little squirrels came out of the wood, and down to the edge of the lake.

They made little rafts out of twigs, and they paddled away over the water to Owl Island to gather nuts.

Each squirrel had a little sack and a large oar, and spread out his tail for a sail.

~ Beatrix Potter

Today is _____

Day

Date

Year

READ AND NARRATE

Belling the Cat

~ *The Aesop for Children*, illustrated by Milo Winter

Vocabulary to study before you read:

enemy

knowing

constant

claws

hardly

discussed

successful

immediately

surprised

thought

rejoicing

fortune

Draw a picture or series of pictures illustrating the story.

Narration lessons are done on Days 1 and 3 of each week. Each *Primer* has one classic children's book you will use for these lessons (see the list below). You will read a story to your student, or he will read it by himself, then he will narrate (tell) it back to you. The books needed for each *Primer* will be available for purchase on our website (www.classicalwriting.com). You can also access them online at www.mainlesson.com, if you prefer not to buy the book.

Primer - Autumn: The Children's Aesop by Milo Winter

Primer - Winter: Fifty Famous Children's Stories by James Baldwin

Primer - Spring: The Adventures of Danny Meadow Mouse by Thornton Burgess

Explanations and simple answer keys for the spelling and grammar lessons are provided in each *Primer's Teaching Helps*.

COPYWORK

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MAKING PLURALS

To make a word plural (more than one), you usually just add **-s** or **-es** to the base word. There are several words in this lesson that end with an **f**. In these words, the **f** changes to **v** and then you add **-es**.

Example: leaf, change **f** → **v** + **es** = leaves

Make these words plural.

nut

wish

loaf

wood

sash

sheaf

lake

marsh

knife

Today is _____

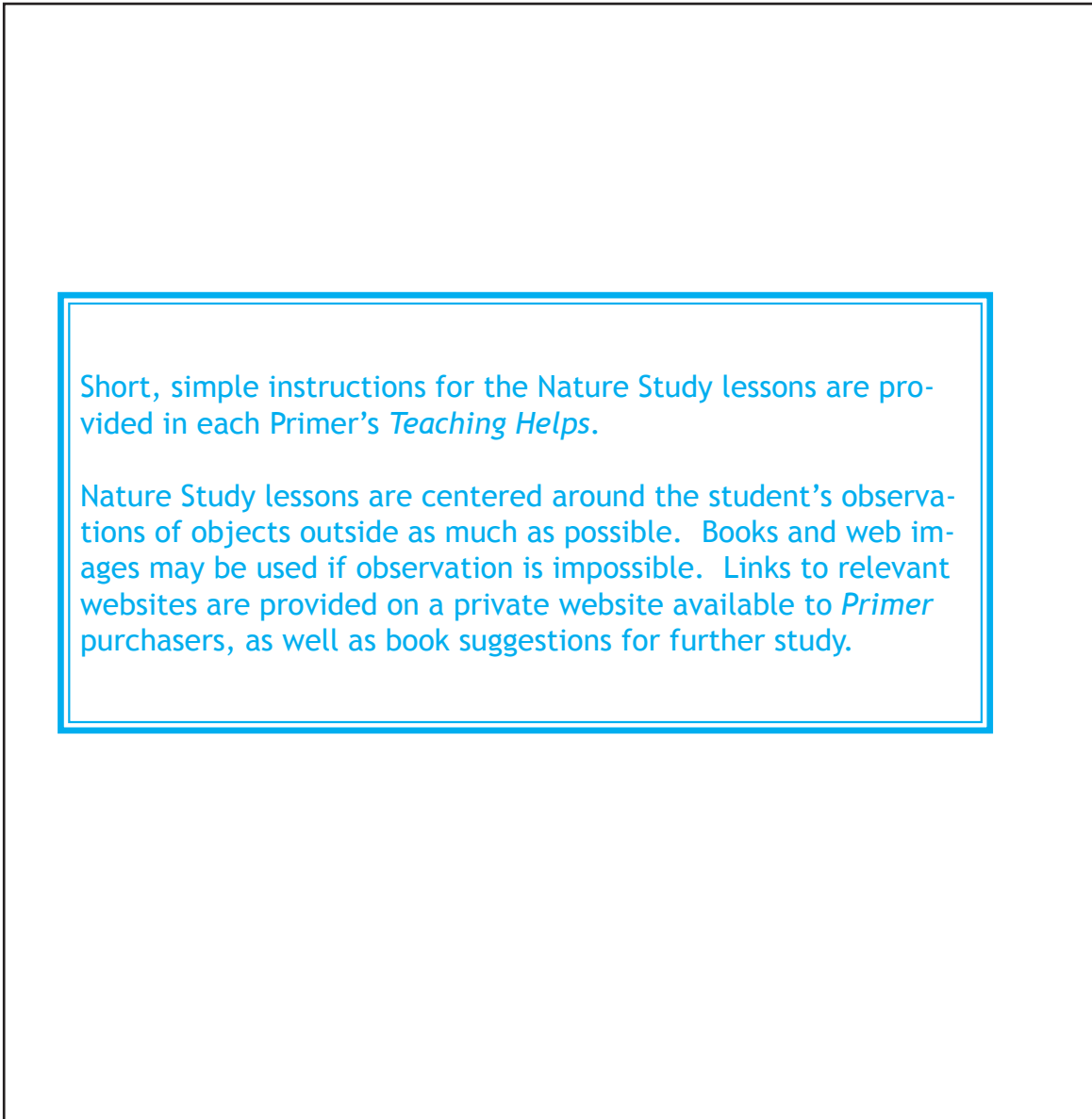
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NATURE STUDY

Draw a picture of what you see when you look out of a window on the north side of your house.



Keep practicing your compass directions. Think about what direction you are traveling when you are in the car, and then figure out where the other three directions would be.

COPYWORK

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PAST TENSE

The past tense ending, -ed, added to an action word (a verb), tells us the action happened in the past. It says /d/ or /t/ unless the word ends in -d or -t, and then it says /ed/.

Sometimes the past tense is formed by totally changing the word.

Example: have → had

Make these words past tense.

gather

land

come

call

plant

have

row

lift

am

fill

pick

tell

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READ AND NARRATE

The Boy and the Filberts

~ *The Aesop for Children*, illustrated by Milo Winter

Vocabulary to study before you read:

permission

filberts

fistful

unwilling

vexed

disappointed

satisfied

attempt

Draw a picture or series of pictures illustrating the story.

COPYWORK

Each squirrel had a little sack and a large oar, and spread out his tail for a sail.

REVIEW THE DAYS OF THE WEEK

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

RHYMING WORDS

Write three words that rhyme with sail.

Today is

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PICTURE STUDY

Breezing Up (A Fair Wind)

Winslow Homer, 1876

Picture Study lessons are focused on the student's observations of famous paintings. The space on this page may be used for the student to reproduce the week's painting using colored pencils or to paste a printout of the painting. He should copy the name of the painting and the artist on the lines at the bottom of the page.

Short, simple instructions for the Picture Study lessons are provided in the *Primer Teaching Helps*. Images of the paintings are included on the free download *Picture Study PDF*. You may view these images on your computer, or print them out if you prefer.

Links to helpful resources for picture study are provided on a private website available to *Primer* purchasers, as well as book suggestions for further study.
