



## **Going to Class**

By Linda Del Bene

Skill Book 1, Lesson 12

New word: **class**

Three girls are going to class.

Ann is going to class.

Jill is going to class.

Kim is going to class.

Two boys are going to class.

Bob and Dan are going to class.

The boys run to class.

The girls do not run.

The boys yell.

The girls do not yell.

The boys yell and run up the street.

Five children are going to class.

Ann and Jill and Kim and Bob and Dan are  
going to class.

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## Spring Will Be Here

By Ron Wise

Skill Book 3 and *Changes*, page 10

New words: **spring**, **winter** (win ter)

"I'm sick of winter. I want spring to come," Maria says to her brother, Carlos.

"I don't like winter. It's cold, and the days are short," Carlos tells Maria.

"In the spring we don't have to stay at home so much. We don't have to be inside every day. We can do things away from home," Maria says.

"Yes, and we can play more sports. We can play sports that are not played inside," says Carlos.

Their mother is listening to what they say.

Then their mother tells them, "I don't like winter. I don't like the cold or the short days. I don't like having to stay inside so much."

"I think you don't like having us inside every day," Carlos says.

"You're right!" his mother says. "I like it when you can do more things away from home. I know you like to play sports, and I know you can't play as many in the winter."

"When will spring come?" asks Maria.

"That's hard to say," her mother tells her. "Spring does not come at the same time each year. Some years it comes later than other years. But it will be here. It's not very far away."

"I hope it's not late this year," says Carlos.

"So do I," says Maria.

"And so do I," says their mother.

## Just Thanks!

By Blanca

I was a teacher for 22 years in Bolivia. When I came to the USA in 2007, I found a job in the Hyatt Hotel in Reston as a dishwasher. This was my first job. I missed teaching kids a lot but never lost my hope of returning to work with children. After one year I found on the internet a job as a teacher assistant in an Escuela Argentina. I went to this school just one time and after that the principal offered me a job as a Spanish leader teacher of first grade. It was wonderful! I worked as a Spanish teacher in the Escuela Argentina for 2 years.

Now I have worked in Communikids for 4 years as a Spanish teacher. Also I give tutoring classes for reading and writing Spanish for kids. I want to say to everybody that nothing is impossible. Yes, there are things along the way like the English language, but you can study. Now I feel better than 7 years ago. I want to say thanks for my job, thanks for knowing Dorothy who is my English tutor, and thanks for my family.

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## Write for *The Student Special*

By Ron Wise  
Editor

Why doesn't this issue of *The Student Special* contain more stories written by students? It's because I received only one piece that a student wrote.

*The Student Special* is for the students of the Literacy Council. Members of the Writers Group compose most of the pieces in it. But sometimes there are also pieces written by students.

I have received many good stories by students. You can tell that by the piece in this issue that a student wrote. So I know that there are a lot of good writers among our students.

Why not try writing something for *The Student Special*? It doesn't have to be long. It can be about something that really happened or something you made up. We won't print your name if you don't want us to. If you've written for us before, we'd like you to write for us again.

Send your pieces to me, care of the Literacy Council office. Happy writing!

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## The Visit

By Ron Wise

Skill Book 2 and *City Living*, page 29

New word: **happening**

Ted and his family are visiting Carmen and her family.  
Ted is Carmen's brother.

Ted's children and Carmen's children go to a park.  
They run and jump in the grass.

Carmen tells Ted what is happening with her family.  
She tells him what is happening with her work.  
Ted tells Carmen what is happening with his family.  
He tells her what is happening with his work.

Carmen is in the kitchen.  
She is getting lunch ready.  
Her family and Ted's family have lunch.  
They have fish, eggs, and apples.  
They have bread and jelly.

Ted looks at the clock.  
“Let's get going,” he tells his family.  
“I have work to do.  
Thank you for the lunch and for letting us visit, Carmen.”

“Thank you for visiting,” Carmen says.