The Last Day of School 2 It was the last day of school and everyone was excited. The teacher, Mrs. Smith, had a surprise for the students. She was going to take them on a field trip! The students were so excited they could hardly sit still. They were singing and dancing around the classroom. Mrs. Smith told them to settle down so she could explain the field trip. Mrs. Smith said that they were going to the zoo. Everyone cheered and shouted with excitement. Mrs. Smith said that they would get to see all sorts of animals and even have a picnic lunch. When they arrived at the zoo, the students were amazed. They had so much to see and do. They saw elephants, tigers, giraffes, and monkeys. They got to feed some of the animals. After the zoo, they had a picnic lunch in the park. The students had a great time and were sad when it was time to go back to school. Mrs. Smith said she would miss them all and hoped they had a great summer. On the way back to school, the students were still excited. They talked about their favorite parts of the day and laughed about all the funny things they saw. When they got back to school, everyone said their goodbyes. They hugged Mrs. Smith and thanked her for a wonderful last day of school. It was a day they would never forget.

- 1. Read the passage about 'The Last Day of School'
- 2. Underline each word that you could not read.
- 3. Circle each word that took you more than 1 try.
- 4. Answer the follow up questions.

Answer according to the reading passage:

- 1. What was the surprise that Mrs. Smith had for the students?
- a. a bus trip

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- b. a trip to the zoo
- c. a trip to the park
- 2. When the kids found out where they were going, what did they start doing in the classroom?

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- a. running around being happy
- b. jumping and singing
- c. singing and dancing
- 3. What did they do for lunch?
- a. they had a picnic
- b. they had hot dogs
- c. they went to the zoo lunchroom
- 4. What did Mrs. Smith tell the kids when they got back to school?
- a. she would see them next year
- b. she would miss them
- c. they were very good
- 5. What did the kids do when they got back to school?
- a. said their goodbyes
- b. packed everything up
- c. said their goodbyes and hugged Mrs. Smith

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Open Response Questions for Thinking Skills:

- 1. Inferring
- 2. Making Connections
- 3. Summarizing
- 4. Visualizing
- 1. Describe how the kids felt about their last day of school and explain why they felt this way.
- 2. Would you feel similar or different? Explain.
- 3. In two sentences summarize what this reading passage is all about.
- 4. What images went through your mind as you read the 'The Last Day of School'?
- Could this story be true? Why or why not?
- Why do you think they like the zoo so much?
- What words did the author use to describe how the students felt?
 - What kind of teacher do you think Mrs. Smith was? Would you want her for your teacher? Why or why not?
 - What would you like to do on the last day of school?

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