

# 2011 Year 3 — Literacy preparation

## Reading magazine

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Looking forward to hearing from you.  
*Sam Southland*



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At school, Mum only bakes when we are going to have a party. Mum let me help her cook cakes and biscuits. She doesn't cook without her little kitchen helper. When we had a party, I was allowed to eat what was left in the bowl. If Mum ever lets Max lick the bowl after me. I shared my treats with him. I loved cooking as much as I did.

At school, Mum has hidden all the biscuits and Max will use later when guests arrive. Mum won't know that she has hidden them where Max uses his secret trick. He stands beside the trampoline when I come into the house. That way, he can see that there are biscuits baked. Mum can't work out how Max has baked. Max and I share the biscuits.



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But Max has a secret skill that he uses just for me.

When I was little, Mum let me help her cook cakes and biscuits. She said she couldn't cook without her little kitchen helper. When we had finished cooking, I was allowed to eat what was left in the bowl. If Mum wasn't looking, I let Max lick the bowl after me. I shared my treats with Max. I think he loved cooking as much as I did.

Now that I am at school, Mum only bakes when we are going to have visitors. She does it by herself. She doesn't need my help anymore but Max knows when Mum is baking. He sits and watches her very carefully. Mum thinks he wants to lick the bowl. But that's not what Max thinks! Max has a better plan. He is MY little helper in the kitchen.

When I get home from school, Mum has hidden all the biscuits and cakes away to use later when guests arrive. She likes to think I won't know that she has baked. This is where Max uses his secret skill. If Max is standing beside the cupboard when I come into the kitchen I know that there are baked treats inside. I quickly get one for me and one for Max too. He deserves it. After all, he's been the watchdog; he's done the surveillance.

It is so funny. Mum can't work out how I know when she has baked. Max and I have our secrets.





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I believe that all children can help save the planet by recycling plastic bottles. We use lots and lots of plastic bottles every day. At our school, we use plastic bottles for all sorts of things — water, fruit juice, milk drinks and even medicines. That's a lot of bottles.

We have seen that people don't bother to put their empty bottles in the bin. They throw them out car windows or just drop them as they walk. These end up in our oceans, rivers and lakes, harming many water animals. They also make the waterways look horrible.

Even when they are put in the bin, plastic bottles are a problem. Because we use so many plastic bottles and they can take hundreds of years to break down,

they clog up the space at the dump. Other things like paper and vegetables break down quickly and become part of the soil, but not plastic.

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