



Energy at School

ACTIVITY ONE

Underline the things in the story that use energy.

Ms. Murphy drove into the parking lot in her new car. She turned off the engine, got out of the car, and locked the door. She walked through the snow and into the school office to check her mail box.

"Hi, Ms. Murphy," said the secretary. "Robert's mom called to say he won't be in school today. He is sick."

"Thank you, Ms. Green. Is this a good time for me to use the copy machine?"

"Yes, it is," answered Ms. Green, glancing at the clock on the wall. "Mr. White won't be in for fifteen minutes."

Ms. Murphy made copies of the worksheets she needed and walked to her classroom. She turned on the lights and looked around the room. It looked clean. The new janitor, Mr. Black, had vacuumed the carpet last night.

She hung her coat and scarf in the cloak room. Her classroom was warm. Mr. Black had come in early to make sure the furnace was working on this first day of winter weather.

Ms. Murphy walked down the hall to the teacher's lounge. She put her lunch in the refrigerator and drank a cup of hot coffee. Soon the children would be arriving. She hurried back to her classroom.

The bell rang. Children with snow-covered hats and jackets bustled into the classroom. The intercom announced that Bus 38 would be late today.

After taking attendance, Ms. Murphy turned on the television. The children watched the school news team reporting on yesterday's Spelling Bee. Morgan Brown from their class had been the winner. Everyone cheered for Morgan.

In the morning, the A Team used the class computers to write stories about the early settlers. The B Team practiced using their new solar calculators for math. Then, the teams switched places.

At 12:00 o'clock, the students washed their hands and headed for the cafeteria. It was Friday, their favorite day. Pizza was always on the lunch menu on Friday. The students took cold drinks from the cooler and plates of hot pizza from the lunch line.

After lunch, the students headed to the gym for P.E. They were learning to square dance. Ms. Gray turned on the tape player and showed them a dance from pioneer days.

Back in class, everyone watched a video about the sun. The students made a list of the ways they use solar energy every day. Then the bell rang. It was 3:00. Time to go home.