BEAR GETS A NEW LEARNING AID

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BEDTIME STORIES

It was going to be one of those nights. Bear had a good day of school, a great afternoon with friends, and a nice dinner with his family. Now? Well, he could avoid it no longer; it was time for home work.

"Uggh. Why do I have to do this every night?" Reluctantly, he picked up his pencil and… and… and… nothing. Try as he might, Bear could not come up with answers to his homework problems.

"Rrrrriinggg," Bear answered his phone. It was Panda, **"Hi, Bear. What are you up to?" "Sorry Panda, I can't play now. Too much homework." "I finished all of mine, thanks to my learning aid."** Panda responded. **"We're not supposed to use a calculator,"** Bear said. **"It's nothing like that,"** Panda said. **"I'll come over and show you."**

A few minutes later, Bear heard the doorbell and let Panda in. **"I thought you were bringing a learning aid."** Bear asked. **"I did,"** Panda drummed a beat on the desk. **"What's your homework problem?" "I have to add one plus four plus three." "Okay."** In rhythm with her drumming, Panda began rhyming in hip hop style: **"I start with one, Now I've begun, But now I need more, So let's add four, And with a beat that's live, I now have five, But wait, Let's make it great, Add three to the plate, And that makes eight!"** Bear quickly wrote the answer and beamed. **"Wow! That was fun! Can I try?" "Sure."** Panda handed him the drumsticks, and Bear started his own drum beat, along with a rhyme: "**If I start with one there's more to do, So I'll add two, Now I see, I have three, And what's really fine, is when I add six I get nine!" "Wow!"** Bear exclaimed. Now if it could only help me with grammar. **"It can."** Panda took the drumsticks and started a new rhythm. **"One thing to remember, When you're ready to jot, At the end of each sentence, End with a dot." "Those drumsticks are amazing!"** Bear said.

Panda explained, **"The real trick is to have fun with your homework, and to think of different ways to make it exciting. Like using drumsticks."** Panda loaned the drumsticks to Bear, who finished his homework in half the time he used to take. And he remembered more of it, because math and grammar had become his favorite subjects—and his favorite songs.

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