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Composition 9
Fable Assignment

There once was a little raccoon named Jane. Jane had school one day, but she could not find her colored pencils or her books. She looked all around her room for her missing pencils, but she couldn't find them among the tall piles of dirty clothes nor in the heaps of bubble gum wrappers that littered her floor. Eventually, there was no time left to look before she had to leave for school. Jane left her house very downcast and dragged her paws all the way to school.

When Jane arrived without her books and colored pencils her teacher and her classmates were very unhappy. At the beginning of the year Jane's teacher had told all her pupils that if they all came prepared to class, the whole class would have a pizza party at the end of the year. Now, Jane's teacher had to tell the class that they weren't going to be able to have the class pizza party after all, since Jane had forgotten her pencils. When the other raccoons heard this, they were all angry with her since they had worked very hard to keep their desks organized. All the little raccoons were so disappointed that at recess no one said anything to her. Jane, herself, felt so bad that she grabbed her empty book bag and walked all the way home with tears streaming down her face.

When Jane got home, she scowled at her dirty room. "I must do something about this!" she said, and immediately set to work. When her room was finally clean, Jane had found her colored pencils and her schoolbooks, not to mention her favorite sweater, a die, three dollars, and her favorite teddy bear, which had been missing for weeks.

The next day, when she got ready to leave for school, she knew exactly where her school supplies were. Jane apologized to her teacher and classmates for having been

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so disorganized the previous day. All Jane’s friends forgave her and her teacher said that the pizza party would be rescheduled. Jane never became messy again and she lived happily organized [6]ever after.

“A place for everything and everything in its place”

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Wonderful! This is an outstanding job of improving with each step of the writing process. Do YOU like this as much as I do? It reads well, the story is cute, relatable and clearly illustrates the moral. I am so pleased with how you’ve worked on this. I must be a GREAT teacher!...um...I mean...You must be a great student! (Maybe a little of both!)

Content	Structure	Rhythm	Word Choice	Style	Mechanics	Final Average:
5	5	4	4	4	5	4.5
Scoring Key: 5 Excellent 4 Very Good 3 Good 2 Weak 1 Needs Improvement						

[#1] Much better! More specific (I didn't know raccoons chewed bubble gum! :0))

[#2] good verb

[#3] This is a nice, clear image. Good job of showing, not telling!

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[#4] This seems a little harsh for an elementary school teacher...but it's your story!

[#5] This singular form of dice sounds funny. There are just too many more common definitions for die. Not a major concern, but it sticks out to me.

[#6] Clever! I like this!