

Children's Page
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KATHY MAKES NEW FRIENDS
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Kathy's heart beat fast. She and Mother were on their way to school. That is exciting any time but it is even more exciting when you are going to school in America for the very first time.

Kathy was really an American but she had been living in Japan with her family while Daddy was in the army. They had just come home on a big ocean liner and the fall term had already begun.

All the while Kathy walked her heart beat faster and faster and she kept wondering about many things. What would her second-grade room be like and who would be her teacher? Would the boys and girls be friendly to a new child?

Now they were at the school and Mother was taking her to the principal's office to be enrolled.

When she looked up, she saw the smiling kindly face of Mrs. Wallace, the principal.

"Kathy, I would like to hear about some of your happy times at school in Japan," said Mrs. Wallace.

Kathy began telling her about school days in Japan as together they walked down the long hall toward the second-grade room.

Because the school had grown so large the second-grade class was using a small library room, but it was light and cheerful.

There were large windows on two sides and rows and rows of books on the other sides. That made it seem cozy, too.

Kathy met Miss Carter, the teacher, who gave her a brand-new little desk which just fitted her. She had never had a little desk like this before and she liked sitting close to the front of the room. School in America was going to be fun!

Then Miss Carter introduced her to the class, saying, "Boys and girls, this is Kathy, who has just come back from Japan."

"Good morning, Kathy," the children replied.

"We're glad you're going to be in our room," said a girl sitting in front of Kathy.

"Kathy, can you sing a Japanese song for us?" asked Robert.

Kathy was glad she had learned those little Japanese lullabies and she sang

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them right off without a mistake! The children clapped their hands and asked her to sing them again. But just then the bell rang for recess.

Kathy found many new friends to play with. Mary Ellen wanted to take her to the swings and Margie asked her to play ball with her on the playground. This really was a nice school!

Before Kathy went home that afternoon Miss Carter said, "Kathy, we would like to invite your mother to come to visit us and tell us about life in Japan. Do you think she would do that for us?"

Kathy was most happy now. She thought of all the lovely things that Mother had packed in the trunks to bring to America. Maybe she would bring some of the big collection of Sandai dolls to show the children, and the red silk kimonos and obis, the gaily decorated fans, the pretty toys and dishes, and even some little cooking pans and a charcoal burner like the one used for cooking in Japan.

She would ask Mother, too, if she could give each of the girls in the room one of the little pink carved rings they had bought when they had been shopping together one day. What a splendid surprise that would be for her new friends! Oh, she could hardly wait to go home and tell Mother the good news.

It was wonderful to go to school in America! Simply wonderful!

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THE GAY TRAVELERS

BY: Frances Tower

Won't you come for a ride
with us?
The kitchen chairs will be
our bus!

David is driver:
He's almost seven
We'll be in New York by
Half-past eleven!
We'll show you the sights along
the way
And bring you home whenever
you say.

It really is a very
fine bus
So, please won't you come
for a ride with us?

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ANIMAL DART GAME
BY: Pansy McCarty

Animal darts is fun to play. You can have a lot of fun making the darts and the dart board for the game, too.

HOW TO MAKE A DART BOARD

Draw a large circle on a heavy piece of cardboard. Then draw a smaller circle in the center. Now divide the outer circle into seven parts. Color the center and each of the other sections a different color with crayons. Mark the number of each part with a black crayon, as shown in the picture. Cut pretty, colored pictures of eight different animals from magazines and glue on the board as the picture shows.

HOW TO MAKE A DART

Clip the head from a straight pin and push the blunt end into one end of a used match stem. Be sure that the pin is far enough in to hold firmly. (ask Daddy to help you with this.) Split the opposite end of the match stem about one-fourth inch. Then take two narrow strips of colored paper, each about one inch long, and slip them into the slit. Bend the ends of the paper strips in opposite directions, as the picture shows. This will form a rudder for the dart. Make three of these darts.

HOW TO PLAY THE GAME

Each player tosses three darts for one turn, trying to hit the animal pictures with the highest numbers. If a dart does not stick in a picture and stay, no score is made for that dart. Continue taking turns until someone scores fifty points to win the game.

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