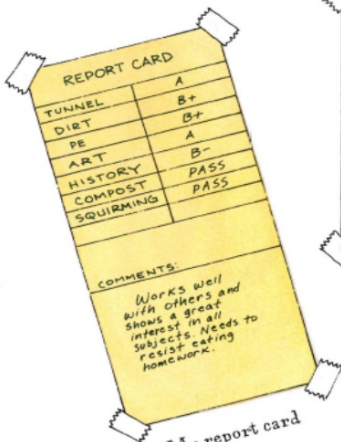


DIARY OF A WORM

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Story!



My report card



Spider made this for me!



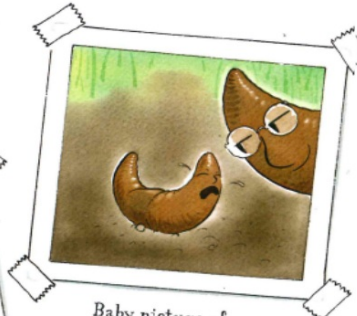
Me and Spider



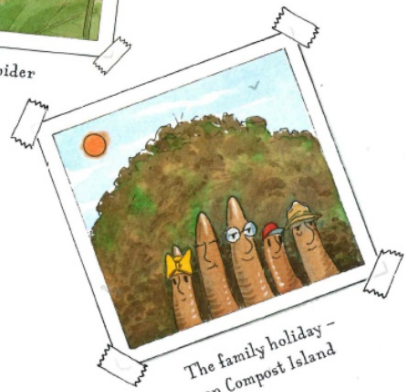
My first tunnel!



First day of school



Baby picture of me and Dad

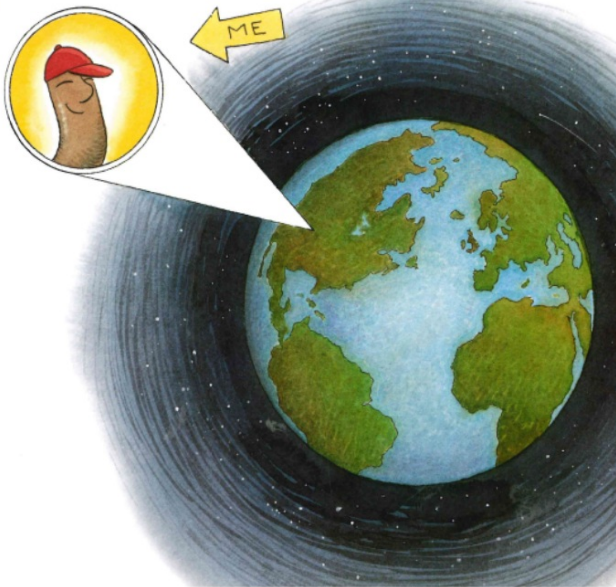


The family holiday - on Compost Island

MARCH 20

Mum says there are three things I should always remember:

1. The earth gives us everything we need.



2. When we dig tunnels, we help to take care of the earth.

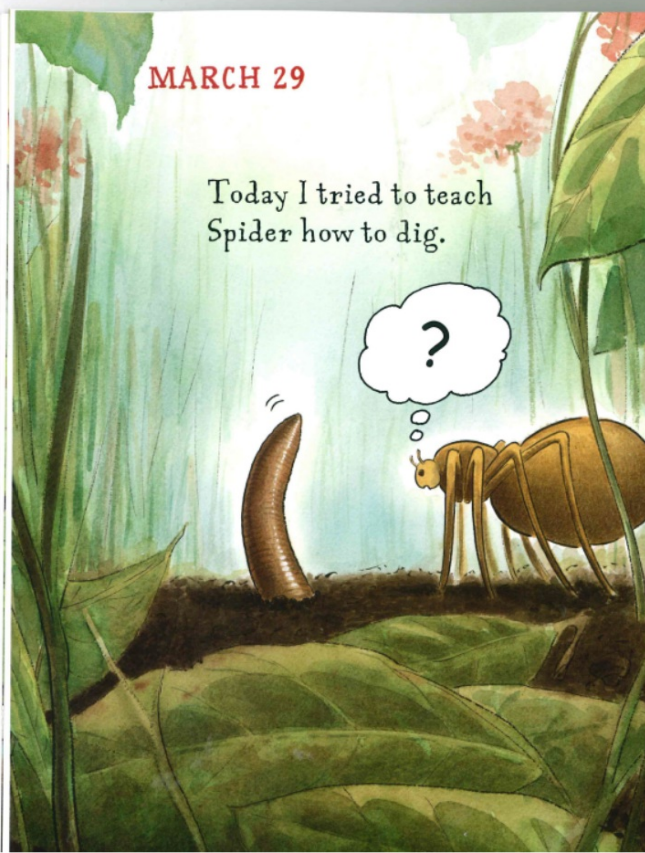


3. Never bother Dad when he's eating the newspaper.



MARCH 29

Today I tried to teach
Spider how to dig.



First all of his legs got stuck.



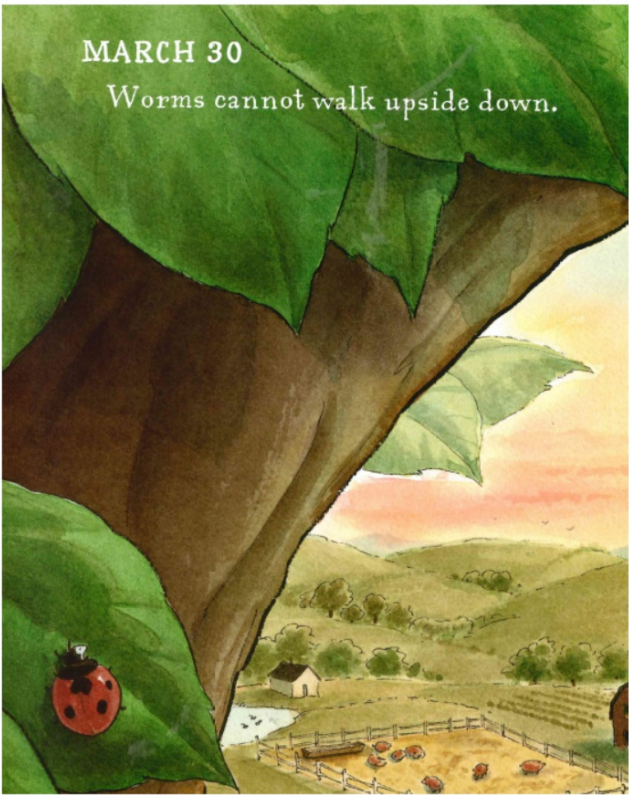
Then he swallowed a load of dirt.



Tomorrow he's going to teach
me how to walk upside down.

MARCH 30

Worms cannot walk upside down.



APRIL 4

Fishing season started today.
We all dug deeper.



APRIL 10

It rained all night and the ground
was soaked. We spent the entire day
on the pavement.

Hopscotch is a very dangerous game.



APRIL 15

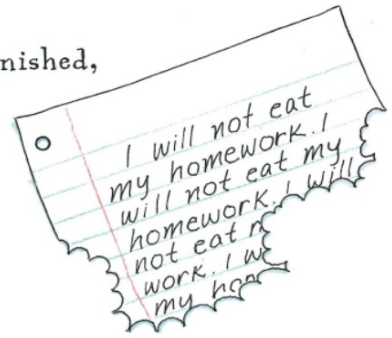
I forgot my lunch today.
I got so hungry that I ate
my homework.



My teacher made me
write "I will not eat my
homework" ten times.



When I was finished,
I ate that, too.

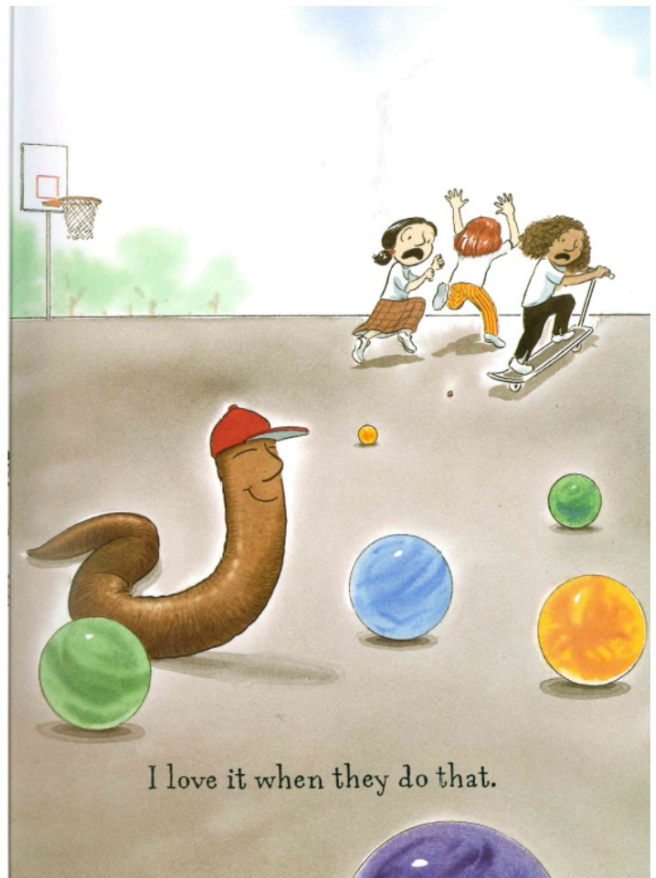


APRIL 20

I crept up on some kids in the park today. They didn't hear me coming.



I wiggled up right between them and they SCREAMED.



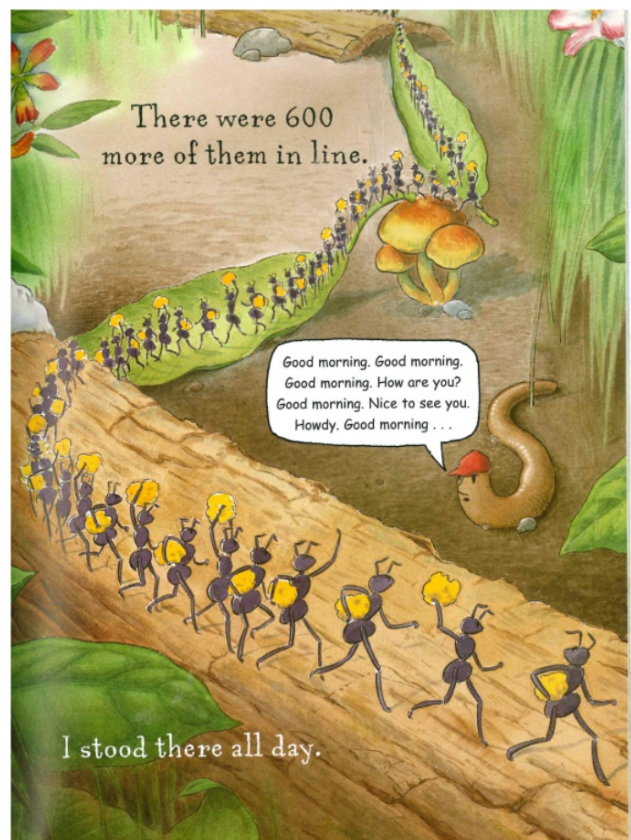
I love it when they do that.

MAY 1

Grandpa taught us that good manners are very important.



So today I said "good morning" to the first ant I saw.

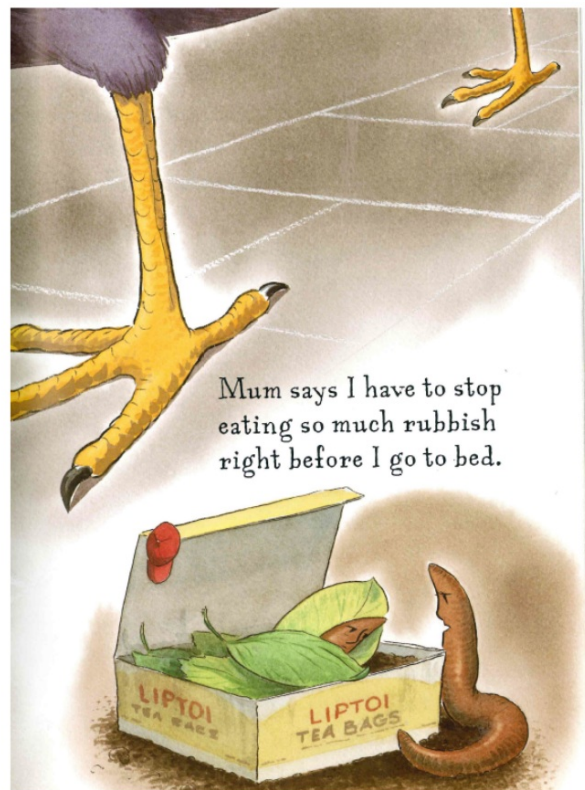


▼ MAY 8

Had the worst nightmare
last night -



giant birds playing hopscotch.



Mum says I have to stop
eating so much rubbish
right before I go to bed.

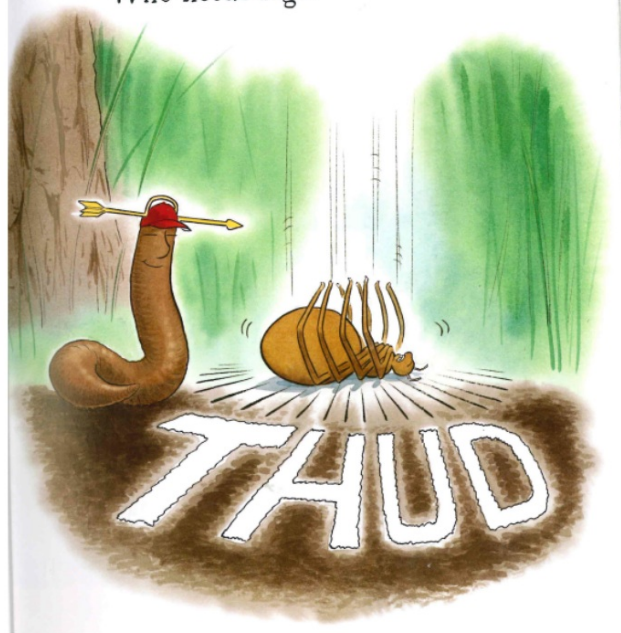
MAY 15

I got into a fight with Spider today.
He told me you need legs to be cool.
Then he ran. I couldn't keep up.
Maybe he's right.



MAY 16

I made Spider laugh so hard,
he fell out of his tree.
Who needs legs?



MAY 28

Last night I went to the school dance.

You put your head in.



You put your head out.



You do the hokey cokey
and you turn around.

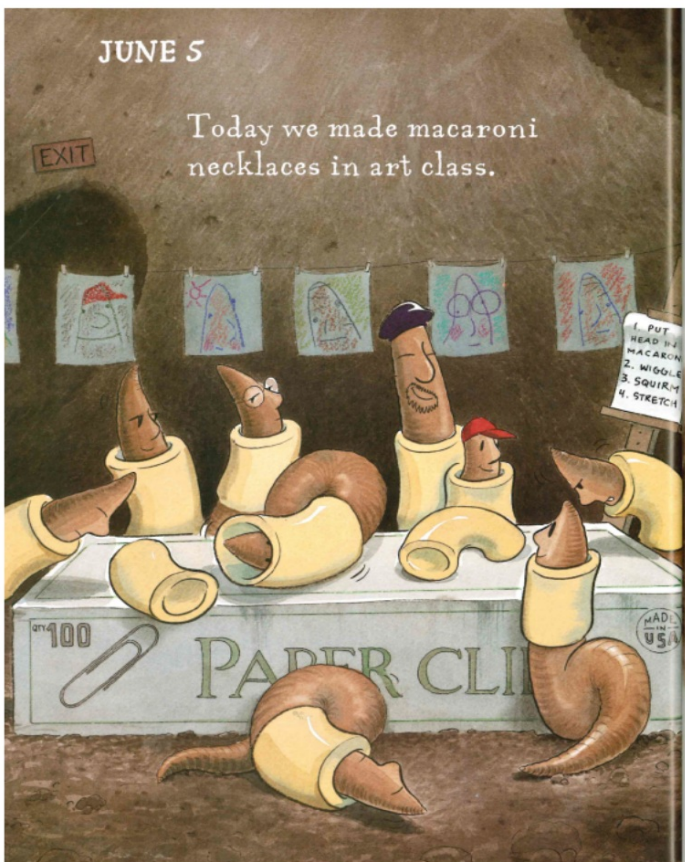


That's all we could do.



JUNE 5

Today we made macaroni necklaces in art class.



I brought mine home and we ate it for dinner.



JUNE 15

My older sister thinks she's so pretty. I told her that no matter how much time she spends looking in the mirror, her face will always look just like her rear end.



Spider thought that was really funny.

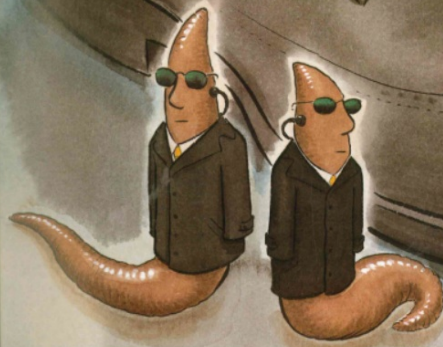


Mum did not.

JULY 4

When I grow up, I want to be a Secret Service agent. Spider says I will have to be very careful because the prime minister might step on me by mistake.

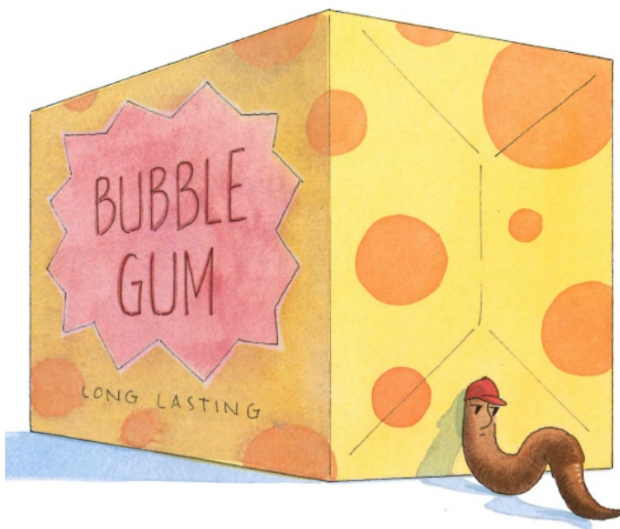
"It's a dangerous job," I told him. "But someone's got to do it."



JULY 28

Three things I don't like
about being a worm:

1. I can't chew gum.



2. I can't have a dog.



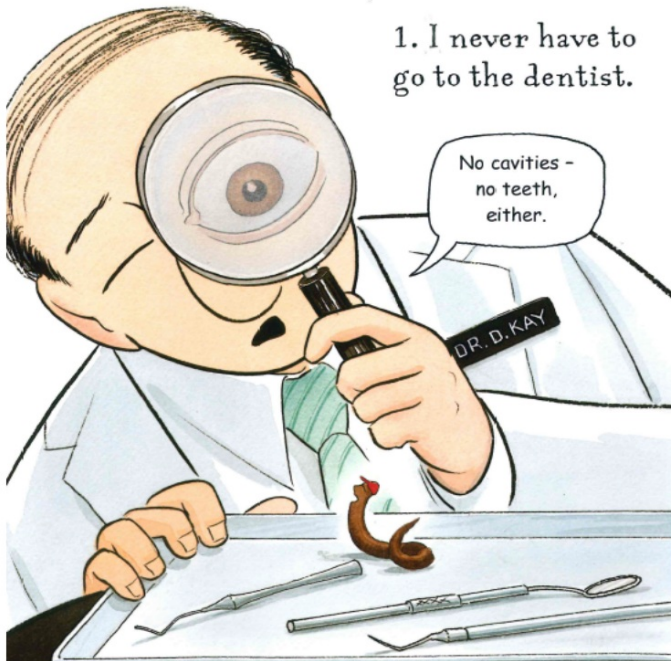
3. All that homework.



JULY 29

Three good things about being a worm:

1. I never have to go to the dentist.



2. I never get in trouble for trailing mud through the house.



3. I never have to take a bath.

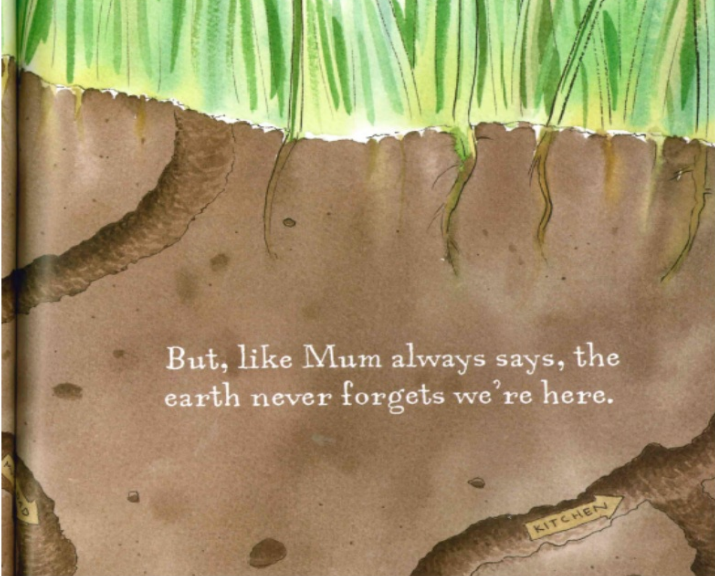


AUGUST 1

It's not always easy being a worm.
We're very small and sometimes
people forget that we're even here.



But, like Mum always says, the
earth never forgets we're here.





Bee stung me



Isn't this leaf amazing?!



I found this really cool rock!



Mum and Dad's anniversary - gross!



My own comic!



My sister's sleepover party (hee, hee)



My favourite pile of dirt