Dear Jenny,

Because you were not able to come yesterday, I want to tell you about our picnic. We visited the state park, where we had a scavenger hunt. Mr. Roberts divided the class into two teams—the Bluegill Fish and the White-Tailed Deer. He picked those names to help us remember the state fish and state animal. Marty and I were both on the Bluegills team.

Next, Mr. Roberts gave us a list of state symbols that we had to locate in the park. The first item was the state flower, the violet, and when Marty saw this, he smiled. He knew that violets like shade, so our team looked under some trees near the curb where the bus had parked. We found a place that was entirely covered with purple violets. Then we checked state flower off the list.

A few seconds later, a cardinal landed in a nearby tree and a monarch fluttered past, allowing our team to check the state bird and state insect off the list. We realized we were tied with the other team with only minutes to go. Luckily, we noticed the state flag flying on a flagpole near the park’s headquarters, so we added that to our list and won the game!

Your friend,
Jack