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### Daily Activities

- **Sunday, January 1**: Send the picture home.
- **Monday, January 2**: Have children draw pictures of a recent class event. Ask them to recount this event to a small group. Use questions and comments to help them describe the event clearly.

### Pretend Play

- **Monday, January 2**: Create a toy repair shop in the dramatic centre. Encourage the children to describe how their toys got broken. Use questions and comments to help them describe the story clearly.

### Reading Books

- **Monday, January 2**: Ask the children to retell a familiar story. For fun, have them come up with a different ending. Use questions and comments to help them make themselves clear.

### On The Go

- **Monday, January 2**: Using photos from an outing, create a storybook, letting the children tell you what to write. Read the story to them and then give them the book to “read” to each other.