

# IF YOU TAKE A MOUSE TO SCHOOL

by Laura Numeroff  
illustrated by Felicia Bond



## If You Take a Mouse to School

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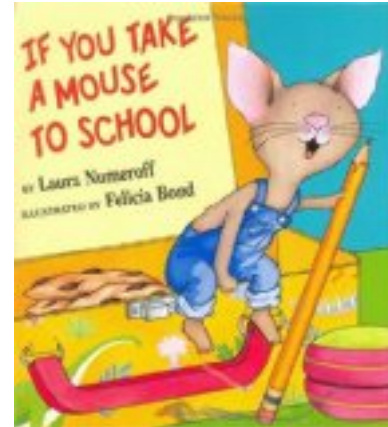
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**The Gist:** A boy takes a mouse to school.

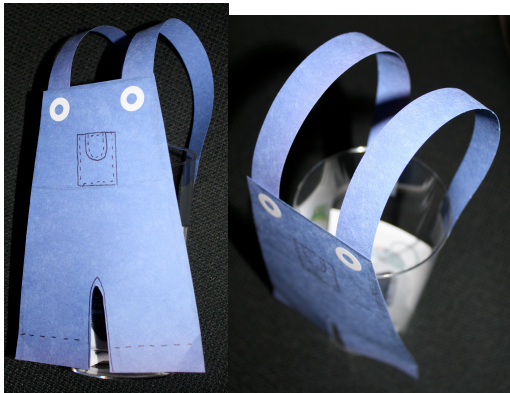
### **Why I like it:**

- It's another fun book in a collection of "*If you...*" books.
- This book has more episodes than the previous books: "*If you give a pig a pancake, she'll want some syrup to go with it.*"
- I, along with my students, enjoy this simple "cause and effect" story line.
- The illustrator, Felicia Bond, draws an adorable mouse, doing adorable humanistic things, like putting on tiny bib overalls, drawing on the blackboard, sniffing, etc.
- The mouse and his auburn-haired boy sidekick are very endearing.



### **Story Telling Tips:**

Make sequencing manipulatives for the story by printing off my master, laminating the sheets and then cutting them out. Pass them out to your students.



Make a blue jean cup to store the pieces in by running off a copy of the blue jeans on blue construction paper.

Cut out the jeans and place them on the front of a clear plastic cup using several glue dots. Cut out two 8 1/2 inch strips of blue construction paper and tape them to the back of the blue jeans.

Loop the "jean straps" over the cup and fasten them to the back of the cup with glue dots. Put 2 white reinforcement holes on the front of the jeans to look like buttons.

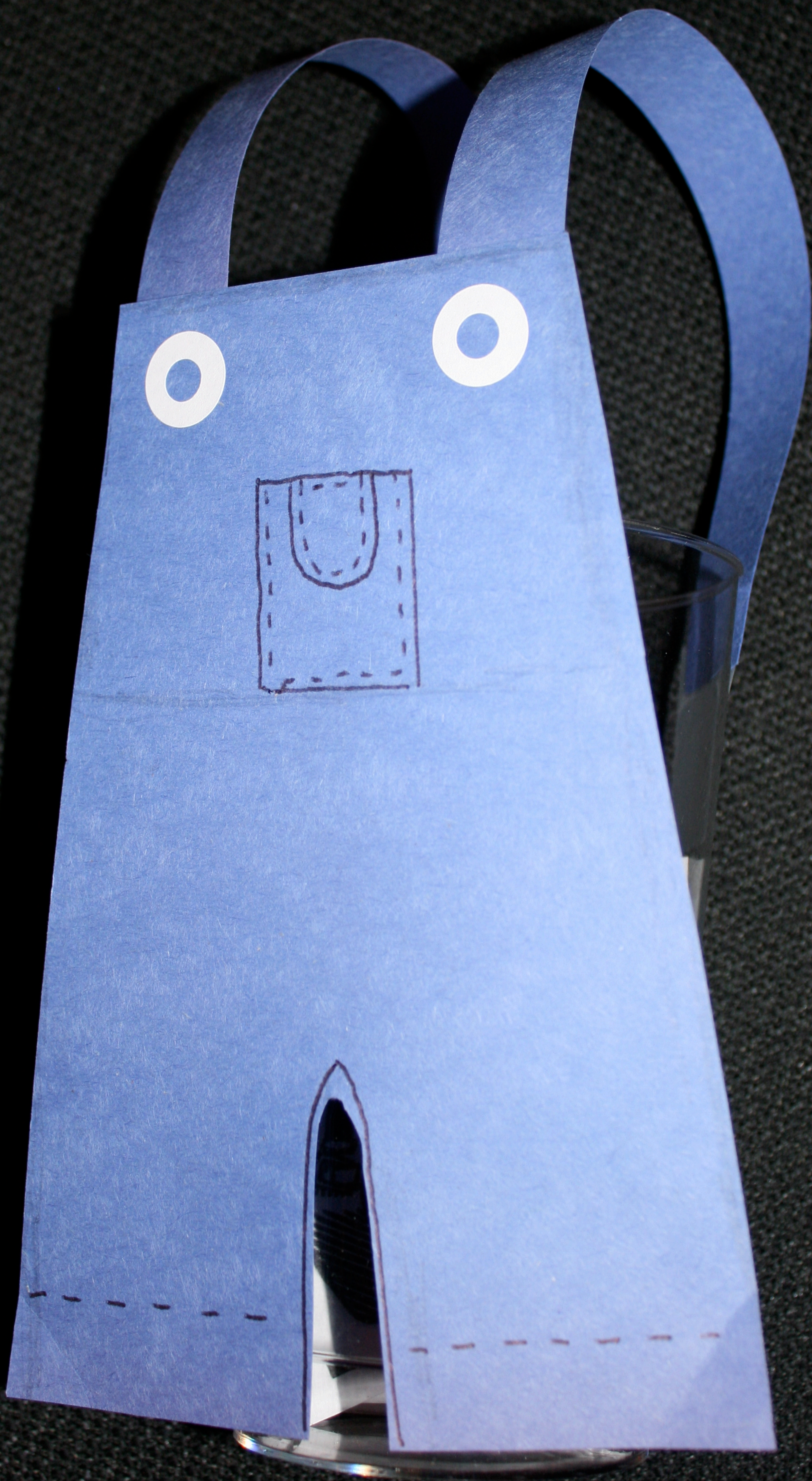


There is a message inside for their parents to read. Students sign the card and re-fold it, turning it into a mouse by adding a pom pom nose, wiggle eye, ears and yarn tail.

**Writing / Reading Extension:** Class Book If you give a mouse a \_\_\_\_\_ he'll want a \_\_\_\_\_.

Have your students fill in the blanks and illustrate their page. Collect the pages, collate your class book and then read it to your class. Set it in your class library so that students can read it whenever they wish.



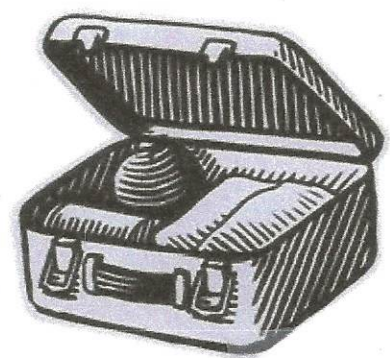
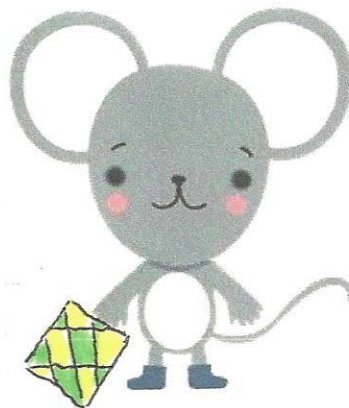
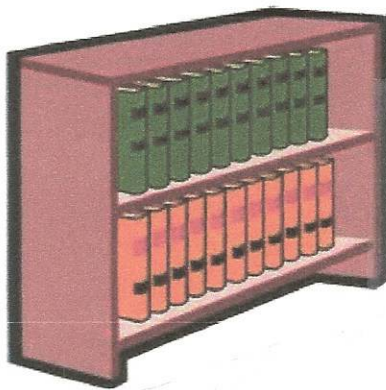
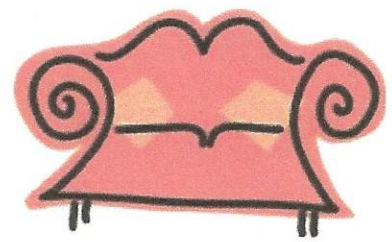
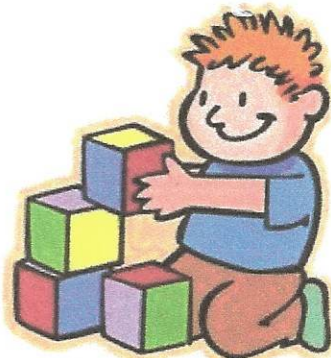
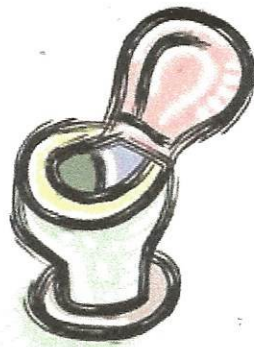
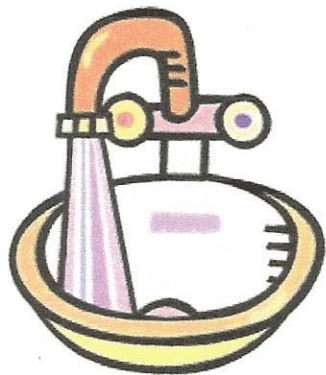
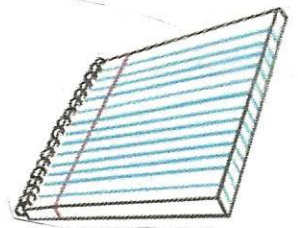
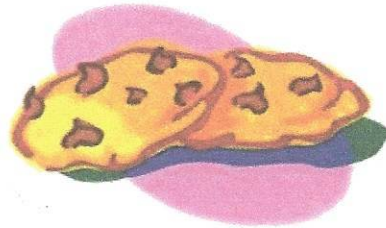
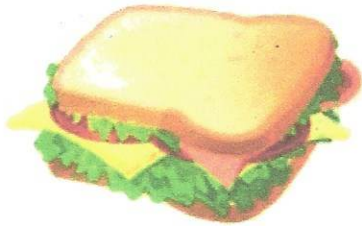
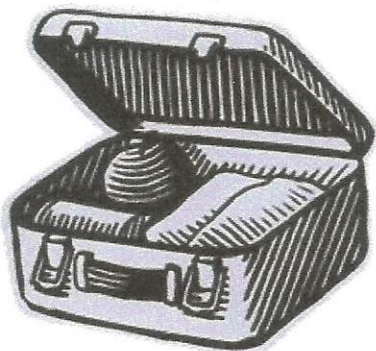




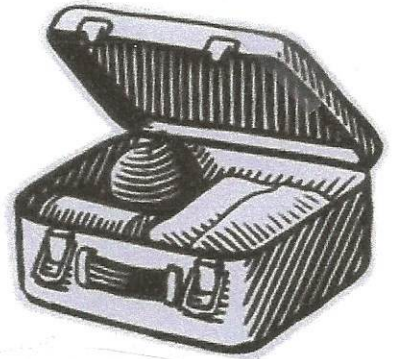
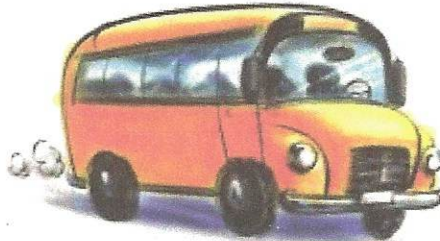
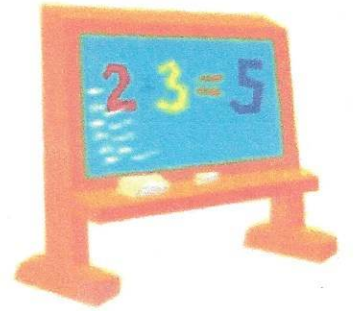
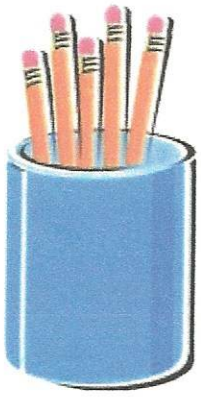


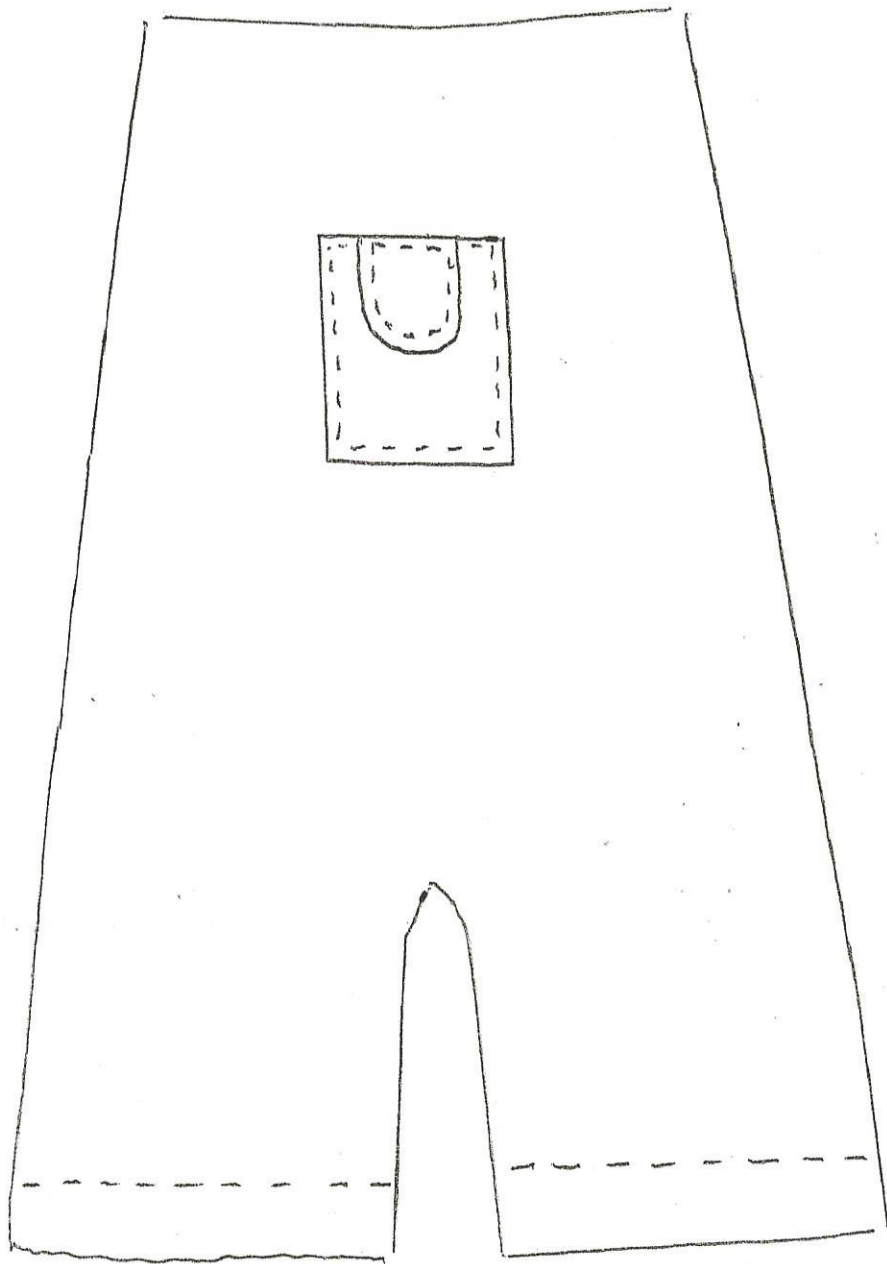


- Print and laminate these pages and then cut out each individual piece.
- Number them and put a piece of magnet strip or piece of Velcro on the back of each piece.
- Pass the pieces out to your students.
- Number the specific words in your book and then when you get to that clue have the student holding that piece put it on your white board or flannel board.
- i.e. "If you take a mouse to school, he'll ask you for your lunchbox." (Lunchbox would be #1.) "When you give him your lunchbox he'll want a sandwich-" (sandwich is #1 etc.) Make the little bib overhaul container and keep all of your pieces in that.
- You can also have students make the container and take home a snack Baggie of miniature chocolate chip cookies as a cute first day "surprise" treat from you, or give them one larger chocolate chip cookie.
- Read the book *If You Give A Mouse A Cookie* as well, and then compare and contrast the two stories.

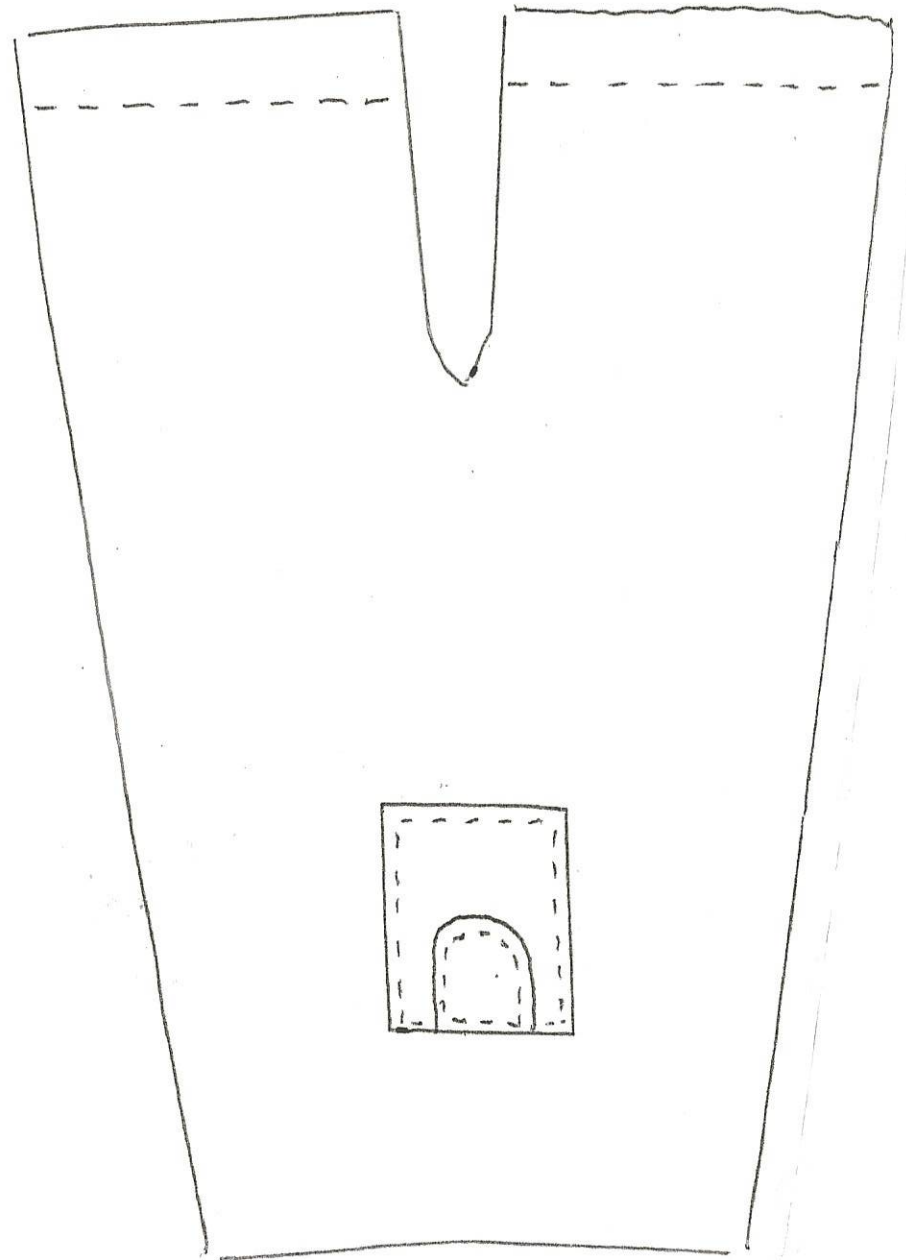








Blue Construction Paper



If You Give A

Mouse A ...

Class Book

By

A handwriting practice sheet featuring three sets of horizontal lines. Each set consists of a solid top line, a dashed midline, and a solid bottom line. The central section is defined by the second set of lines and contains a single line of text: "The first line is a solid line." The text is written in a simple, sans-serif font. The first and third sets of lines are empty, providing space for additional practice.

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happy with all of  
their things.

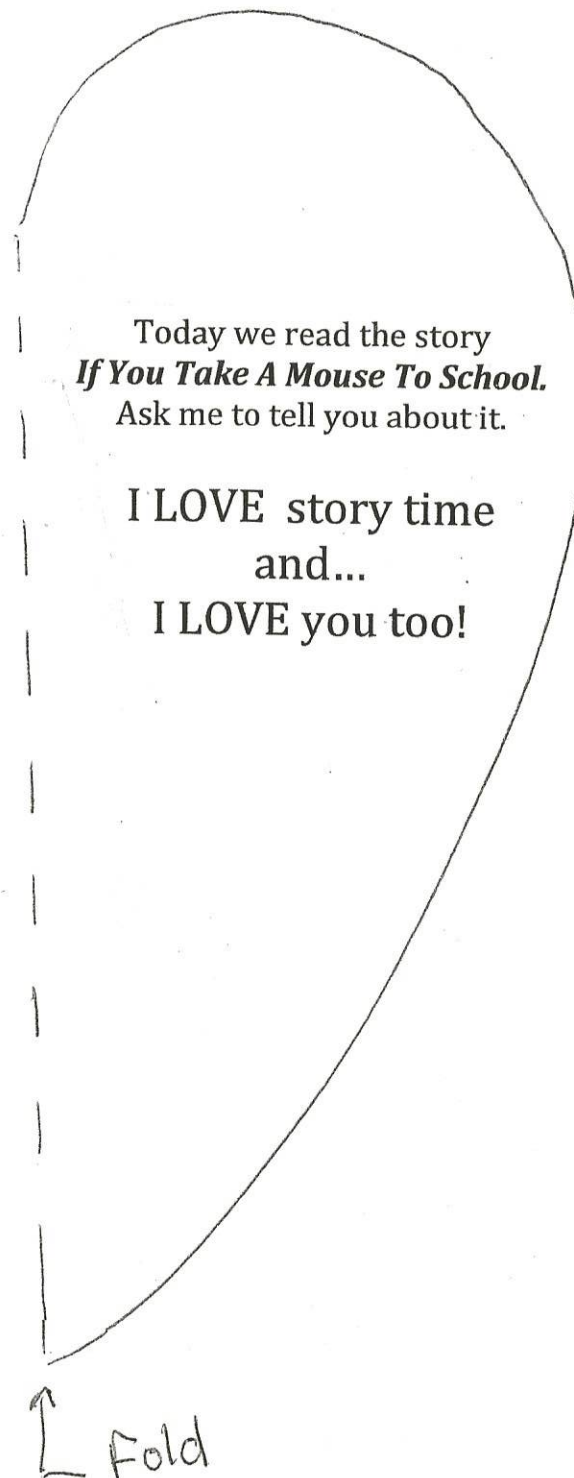
We are very happy  
the only mouse at  
school is attached  
to our computer.













I ♥ U

Diane

Today we read the story  
*If You Take A Mouse To School.*  
Ask me to tell you about it.

I LOVE story time  
and...

I LOVE you too!



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