

# *Part 3*

## - Ready to Use Story Problems

One of the most exciting things to do with your students is to incorporate their favorite people, characters or other literature topics into their problem solving. Due to copyright limitations I am unable to directly write questions about specific stories in our literature series but I am able to substitute names and characters when we complete the problems together.

So, draw up a list of those people/characters and enjoy the giggles and interest you will obtain when the principal is doing homework and the PE teacher is making hot fudge sundaes!

This part is organized into 3 sections:

- Popular 1st grade topics and those found in many literature series
- Favorite story and rhyme characters
- Sports, Holidays and Seasons

This section will work best if you are able to copy them onto transparencies. I suggest using the same overhead set of problems two times during a week. Complete the problems initially using numbers that are easy to manage. Later in the week, complete the same problems but increase the difficulty of the variables. This would also be the time to have students identify alternative problem solving methods that might make the problem easier.