**國小高年級組英語朗讀比賽文章**

**Emily, the Rat Who Could Not Read (298) 5&6th grades**

Once upon a time, there was a lady rat called Emily who could not read. She lived in a small town and every morning used to put on her glasses to read the local newspaper, but she wasn’t able to read it.

“My glasses might be dirty,” thought Emily.

She met a squirrel one day and asked her, “Do you read every day?”

“Of course,” said the squirrel.

“I can’t because my glasses are too old and dirty,” replied Emily

“You have to go to school to learn to read,” said the squirrel before leaving.

This didn’t convince the lady rat, and she continued walking until she saw a rabbit.

“Can you read?” asked Emily.

“Of course. I’m coming from school and have my bag full of books,” said the rabbit.

“I can’t. My glasses are too old,” said Emily, and left the place sad.

She kept walking and when she saw a dog she asked him, too.

“Have you read the newspaper today?”

“Yes, I do every day.”

“Do you wear glasses?”

“No, I go to school.”

Emily stood there thinking and decided to act, so the next day she bought pencils, a book bag and a notebook, and started school.

After a few weeks she was so proud of what she had learned that when she saw a hen walking past one day, she ran to ask her, “Can you read?”

“Of course. I read every day,” said the hen.

Emily was very happy and could finally say, “Me too! I’m learning at school.”

She was so happy that she had a party and invited all her friends, just to announce that she was able to read and was reading a book every night, and advised those who couldn’t read to go to school to learn.