Jelly

The Secret in the Box

LITTLE READERS



Mia visits Grandma
on a sunny morning.
Her puppy comes, too.



Grandma's garden is full
of flowers and green leaves.
Mia walks along the path.



On a little bench,
Mia sees a wooden box.
“What is this?” she asks.



Grandma smiles.
"That is an old box
I found in the shed."



Grandma gives the box
to Mia. It is small enough
to hold in both hands.



Mia turns it over.

The wood feels smooth.

The puppy watches.



There is a little latch
on the front of the box.
Mia touches it gently.



“What is inside?” she asks.
“Let us find out,”
says Grandma.



Mia tries the latch.

She pulls it carefully.

The box does not open.



She tries once more.
The little latch
still does not move.



“Can you help me?”

Mia asks Grandma.

Grandma looks closely.



"Try sliding it,"
Grandma says.
Mia puts her finger on it.



Mia slides the latch
to one side.
Click! It opens.



She lifts the lid slowly.

“It worked!” she says.

The puppy looks up.



Inside is a small packet
and a folded piece of paper.
Mia takes them out.



"What could they be?"
Mia asks. Grandma sits
beside her on the bench.



Mia unfolds the paper.
There is a drawing
of tall yellow flowers.



“Did you draw this?”
Mia asks Grandma.
She points to a flower.



"I did," says Grandma.
"I drew it when I was
about your age."



Mia looks at the picture.
"The flowers are so tall!"
she says.



Grandma opens the packet.
Inside are little seeds.
She shows them to Mia.



“These are sunflower seeds,”
Grandma says. Mia looks
at their little stripes.



“Will they grow?”
Mia asks. She holds
the packet carefully.



"Let us plant them
and find out," says Grandma.
Mia smiles.



Mia brings a small pot.

Grandma brings some soil.

They are ready to plant.



Mia fills the pot
with soft brown soil.
The puppy sits nearby.



Grandma makes little holes
in the soil with her finger.
Mia watches closely.



Mia puts the seeds
into the little holes.
Then she covers them.



Mia gives the pot
a little water.
She pours slowly.



They put the pot
where the sun can reach it.
Grandma smiles at Mia.



The puppy sniffs the pot.
"Now we wait,"
Grandma says.



Mia puts the drawing
back in the wooden box.
She closes the lid gently.



A few days later,
Mia visits Grandma again.
She runs to the pot.



Little green sprouts
are coming up from the soil!
Mia bends down to look.



“Grandma, come and see!”
Mia calls. Her puppy
wags his tail.



Grandma comes over.
"They are growing!"
she says.



Mia opens the box
and takes out the drawing.
She sets it beside the pot.



"One day they may be
as tall as these,"
Grandma says.



Mia smiles at the sprouts.
"I will help them grow,"
she says.



The little wooden box
held a lovely secret:
a garden waiting to grow.



Where does Mia find
the wooden box?
Who is with her?



How does Mia open
the little latch?
Tell a friend.



What two things are
inside the box?
Look at the picture.



Who drew the flowers?

When did she draw them?

What does Mia notice?



What kind of seeds
are in the packet?
What do the friends decide?



How do Mia and Grandma
plant the seeds?
Tell the steps.



What does Mia see
a few days later?
How does she feel?



What was the secret
inside the box?
Tell the story in order.



The End

