## **School Day Begins**

C It is Monday morning at 7:01. You're still half asleep; your homework's half done. Your shower is cold; your oatmeal's dry. And your mother forgets to kiss you good-bye. You're walking to school; it is thirty degrees. Your fingers won't work, and your toes and ears freeze. Your zipper is stuck; your left sneaker squeaks. Your backpack strap snaps, and your soup thermos leaks. You slip on the school steps; you trip in the hall. The toilet floods in the bathroom stall. The gym door is locked; the library's the same. The principal greets you by the wrong name. Your classroom is hot; the coat rack is packed. Your bean sprout is dead, and your clay pot is cracked. Your pencils are dull; the sharpener jams. Your fingers get crunched when your desktop slams. Your math partner's gone; your neighbor is rude. Your teacher's again in a crabby mood. The morning bell rings; it is 8:01. *Bell rings* Come cozy up to the whiteboard, Another school day has begun.