A Note to the Teacher

Pre-reading

Questions:

• Have you ever written a note to a child’s teacher? If yes, when?

Definitions:

• Postcard – a small card that can be mailed without an envelope
• Twice – two times

Reading

Tim’s mom got a postcard in the mail. It said that it had been six months since
his last visit to the dentist. It’s time for Tim’s teeth to be cleaned. Mom knows it is
best to have his teeth cleaned and checked twice a year. (It’s good for Mom to have
her teeth checked twice a year, too.)

Mom wrote a note to Tim’s teacher. The note said:

Dear Ms. Dorn,

Tim has to go to the dentist today. I will pick him
up at 10:00 this morning. I plan to have him back
to school by 11:00 a.m.

Thank you.

Mom signed her name at the bottom of the note.

Mom put the note in Tim’s school folder. Mom told Tim to give the note to
his teacher.

Mom got to school a little before 10:00 a.m. She went to the school office.
She signed the form that said she was taking Tim out of school. Then she went to
Ms. Dorn’s classroom. Tim was ready to go.
Understanding

1. Where is Tim going? ________________________________ ___________________
   _____________________________________________________ ________________

2. Why is he going there? ________________________________ ___________________
   _____________________________________________________ ________________
   _____________________________________________________ ________________

3. Who is taking him? ________________________________ ___________________
   _____________________________________________________ ________________

4. How did the teacher know that Tim needed to leave school? _____________________
   _____________________________________________________ ________________
   _____________________________________________________ ________________

5. When mom got to school, where did she go first? ______________________________
   _____________________________________________________ ________________

Writing

Choice A: Retell the story in your own words.

Choice B: What do you do when you need to get your child early from school?