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Class: _____ Date: _____

Mementos of Childhood

An activity of "A children's author writes about her father's childhood".

The storybook *Little Hero* was launched in May. It is a book based on the author's father's growing-up years. Read "A children's author writes about her father's childhood" (pages 20–21, *What's Up* July 2024) to find out more.

1. Based on the *What's Up* story, complete the table below.

<p>Title of Book: Little Hero</p> <hr/> <p>Author: _____</p> <p>Theme: Childhood / Tradition / Patriotism *</p> <p>Setting: _____</p> <p>Name of main character: _____</p> <p>The main character's living situation: _____</p> <hr/> <p>THREE important ideas from the book: knowledge / good versus evil / hope / resilience / rising above one's circumstances / change versus tradition *</p> <p>Through this book, the author hopes to encourage families to _____</p> <hr/> <hr/>
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* underline the correct answer(s)

2. Happy memories are worth holding on to. Write brief descriptions of your happy experiences and list any mementos related to them. Mementos are things kept as reminders of people or events.

My Happy Memories	My Mementos

3. Pick one memento from Step 2. Write about why it is special to you.

This _____ (*name of object*) is meaningful to me because _____

4. Bring the memento to class. If it is valuable or too large, bring a photo of it instead. Form small groups. Using what you have written in Step 3 above, take turns to show your memento and share your story associated with it.
5. Keep your mementos in a box at home. When you feel sad or discouraged, revisit your mementos of happy memories to give you the strength to carry on.