

Mr. Cow

the grumbling shoveler

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Questions

1. Did you notice how, at first, Mr. Cow LOVED to see the beautiful snow, but then he realized he would have to shovel it all?
Have you ever experienced something like that? "Oh, boy!!!" turns to "Oh, no!"
2. Have you ever had a chore you had to do and you grumbled all the way through it?
Did grumbling make the work go faster... or slower?
3. Mr. Cow was so busy grumbling that he didn't realize he shoveled the sidewalk past his house and kept shoveling all the way to the street. Mr. Cow's hard work shoveling the sidewalk helped Larry the mailman. Larry really appreciated it.
When you're doing work do you think about how much it will affect other people?
Does that change how well you do the work?
4. Are there any chores you do that help others?
You might not like to do certain chores but it's not always about the work - it's about how it helps other people. Most chores are like that. A lot of work is like that.
5. How do you think Larry the mailman felt delivering mail in all that snow?
6. Have you ever had to trudge through snow - like going to school for example?
What was that like?
7. Mr. Cow really enjoyed the cookies and hot cocoa after all that hard work of shoveling the snow.
Have you ever noticed how treats taste so yummy after you do a lot of work?