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Kelly got on her winter coat and put on her hat and mittens. "Where are you going, Kelly?" asked her father. "To play in the snow before it gets too dark," said Kelly. "I don't need to do my homework because we are going to have a snow day! Now we will not have our speed quiz in math until Thursday!"

"I think you should study just in case, Kelly," said Katy. "What if it stops snowing and there is no snow day? I made that mistake one time. I did not finish a book report because I thought there would be a day off, but the snow stopped and I had to tell my teacher that my report was not finished!" Kristin said, "Kelly, I know you want to get a good grade on that quiz and I know you want to play in the snow. Why don't you go play for a while and then later Katy and I will help you study your facts?"

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