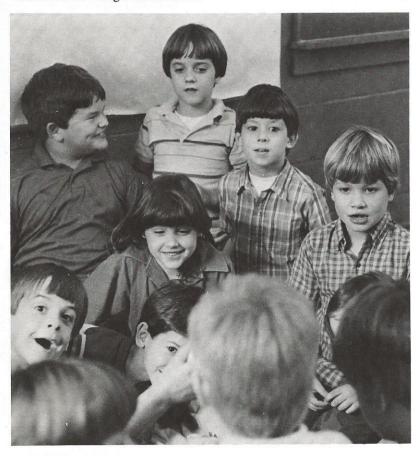
What A Challenge!

Mrs. Richardson's first grade class — what a challenge — what a job! These 26 rambunctious (with some exceptions) six year olds started the year with a bang and made a name for themselves early in the year. Excessive talking, karate, and playground antics kept Mrs. Richardson hopping in September; but then, with second semester approaching, there was a change in the air. These little people were all behaving (most of the time) and a whole new world had opened for them — the world of books. They were reading like champs and spelling words that would make a 5th grader shudder.

They loved P.E., music, PIZ-ZA, and of course, recess! At the beginning of the year, they attended a play in Charleston and made Mrs. Richardson proud by behaving like angels.

Staying in school until 2:15 was a real adjustment for these 1st graders, such a big step up from kindergarten. Even minor changes in routine could be major obstacles for 6 year olds but learning to change was part of growing up and that, with their teacher's guidance, was what these students seemed to be doing so well.



These rambunctious first graders think that all work and no play make life dull.

Tony Fargnoli, Kelly Smith, and Michael Wood don't like being interrupted from their work!

There's always something going on in the first grade classroom, whether it's spelling or making decorations.

