ACTIVITY 12: FORTUNATELY, UNFORTUNATELY

Instructions: Read the following children’s story:

Fortunately one day, Ned got a letter that said, “Please Come to a Surprise Party.”

But unfortunately the party was in Florida and he was in New York.

Fortunately a friend loaned him an airplane.

Unfortunately the motor exploded.

Fortunately there was a parachute in the airplane.

Unfortunately there was a hole in the parachute.

Fortunately there was a haystack on the ground.

Unfortunately there was a pitchfork in the haystack.

Fortunately he missed the pitchfork.

Unfortunately he missed the haystack.

Fortunately he landed in water.

Unfortunately there were sharks in the water.

Fortunately he could swim.

Unfortunately there were tigers on the land.

Fortunately he could run.

Unfortunately he ran into a deep dark cave.

Fortunately he could dig.

Unfortunately he dug himself into a fancy ballroom.

Fortunately there was a surprise party going on. And fortunately the party was for him, because fortunately it was his birthday!

Now, it’s your turn to write a story. Use your imagination. Make this interesting. Begin your story, on the blank paper provided, with: “Fortunately . . . “ Then finish the sentence with something good that has happened. Pass the paper to your neighbor. He/she will write something beginning “Unfortunately. . . .” followed by something bad that has happened. The paper is again passed on and the next person will add something good that has happened beginning with “Fortunately.” And so on, until we decide to stop. Then we will read the stories in our class.