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1. The first-grade teacher says the child should be on Ritalin.
2. The mother and father refuse.
3. Slide the red paper aside.
4. When in trouble, open.
5. Your notebook and dictionary. *Copy.*
6. Include the phonics, written, not heard.
7. Imagine a robin perched on a tree limb.
8. In the rain, orange heart beating.
9. The tree limb as a guarding hand.
10. Make the sun orange.
11. Make trees.
12. Make robin hearts beat the size of raindrops.

13. The mother says:
14. *Let's look to see what is on this page to color shades of orange.*
15. *We should explore the possibilities.*
16. *Behind what we think things are, what colors they could be.*
17. The stars in detention shine.
18. Where no one sees them.
19. The nightlight a constellation.
20. Pay attention.
21. To the purples in the darkness.
22. Wait for Orion's sword to fall.
23. To cut the thread.
24. Do not talk in class.
25. No movement of the mouth.
26. No recess.
27. Trap a frog in a jar as an experiment.
28. An award for coloring the correct colors of animals.
29. Color a page of grey over green.
30. Use the sunlight coming through the classroom window.

31. Reflect its light in your wristwatch glass.
32. Make the ball of light dance on the wall like a star, above.
33. Make shining rescues.

in the fifth	grade words went	from board to	page as strict
in time out	for my mouth	in class you	say though scream
say speak with	tongue on teeth	you just want	your own voice
no sound from	makes teeth not	true white sticks	to plaque us

I theory the bed
example silence shaking covers
trauma through night thick