

# Firstgarten!

## Reading Comprehension Questions

- Look at the title, cover picture, and setting. What predictions can you make about the story?
- Look at the character on the cover. How do you think he feels? How do you know?
- What happened at the beginning of the story? What was the problem?
- What does the word *frustrated* mean?
- Why was Michael's mother frustrated with him?
- Have you ever felt frustrated? Why?
- How did Michael feel about going to first grade? What evidence in the text confirms this feeling?
- What did Michael miss about kindergarten? What evidence in the text confirms this?
- What happens when Michael meets his first-grade teacher?
- Why do you think Michael continued to compare first grade with kindergarten?
- Why do you think Michael escaped out of his first-grade classroom?
- How did he escape? Where did he go?
- What happened when Michael escaped to the kindergarten classroom?
- Why do you think Michael wanted to go back to kindergarten?
- What brilliant idea did Michael come up with to solve this problem?
- Could you come up with a better idea on how to solve this problem? If so, what would it be?
- What was Michael surprised about at the end of the story?
- How did Michael feel about first grade at the end of the story?
- Why did his feelings change? What evidence in the text confirms this?
- What message does the author want you to know?
- Do you feel that Michael handled change very well? Why or why not?
- How do you deal with change?