

First Graders from Mars, Episode 3: The Great Space Race
(or Nergil and the Great Space Race, or Nergil and the 100 Meteor Dash1)

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One Moonday in Pod 1,

Ms. Vortex (made an) announcement.

"Today is the first day

"It is (of) Martian Health Week," she said.

At the end of the week,

(we will have a) Space Race.

I know we will all try to do our personal best."

Okay to tighten & lose a line?

or "Friday" (what is Friday called in Mars-space?)

should she say something using the word "try" to echo Nergil's willingness to try on p. 28-29? what do you think? ✓

Sixteen thinking capsules started to buzz.

"I have been waiting for this all year," said Horus.

"Me, too," said Pelly.

"I am a wiz at the flex toe hang," said Tera.

All 3 responses are great, but for space should we cut one? Or maybe combine Tera & Pelly's into a comment from one martian? Link in mention of 100 meteor dash here, since we cut from p. 6-7? but really like all three. ✓

There was ^{the} only ~~one~~ martian in Pod 1 who wasn't excited about the Space Race.

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Nergil

He remembered last year's race.

He had not done his personal best.

He had done his personal worst.

He broke the basket in basketball.