

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

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One Moonday in Pod 1,
Ms. Vortex made an announcement.
"This week is Martian Health Week," she said.
"At the end of the week,
we will have a Space Race.
I know we will all
do our personal best."

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 tentacle twist," said Tera.
There was only one martian in Pod 1
who wasn't excited about the Space Race...

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Nergil.
Nergil remembered last year's race.
He had not done his personal best.
He had done his personal worst.
He broke the basket in basketball.