Responsible Rex?

Every weekday just before 8:00,

Rex gets ready for school.

He has to do it for himself.

(That's his mama's rule!)

He opens up his backpack,

And he puts his homework in.

He adds some pencils and some books.

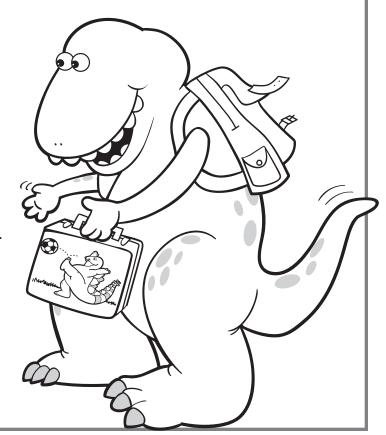
Then he zips it with a grin.

Rex grabs his plastic lunchbox

Before he stomps out the door.

Not only is Rex ready for school,

He has even finished a chore!



Use the poem to complete the tasks and answer the questions.

- 1. Underline three compound words.
- 2. Draw a box around the reflexive pronoun.
- 3. Draw a star above the word that means the same as walks with heavy steps.
- 4. Does it make sense that Rex would stomp? Why or why not?_____
- 5. Look at the end of each line. Find and circle three rhyming word pairs. What do all the words have in common?

Bonus: Do you think Rex is responsible? Why or why not?

"Responsible Rex?" Answer Key

- 1. Possible answers include *weekday*, *himself*, *backpack*, *homework*, and *lunchbox*.
- 2. himself
- 3. stomps
- 4. Answers will vary.
- 5. school, rule; in, grin; door, chore; They are all one-syllable words.

Bonus: Answers will vary.