Ms. Smith had a class blog for the moms and dads of her fifth grade class. This blog was just for them, not for the kids.

Ms. Smith’s class had been good for most of the year with a slump here and there. Today the kids said, “For our end of school bash, we want something big! A class raft trip would end our fifth grade year with a bang!”

Ms. Smith said, “I think a raft trip would be a fantastic end to the year, but I am thinking that it would cost too much.”

The kids looked glum. But then, Mike said, “What if we can make the cash to fund the trip?”

Jill said, “Yes, what if we ran a snack shop at school? If we sold cold drinks and snacks, I bet we would make a lot
of cash. We could use the profits to fund the trip.” Now the whole class was chatting.

“Ok, give me some time to think about all of this,” Ms. Smith told the class. “It is time for our math lesson.”