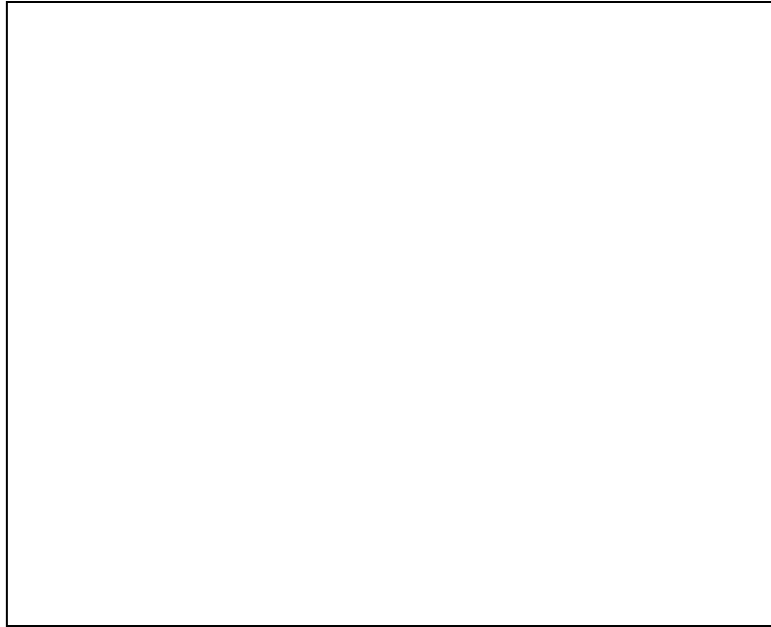
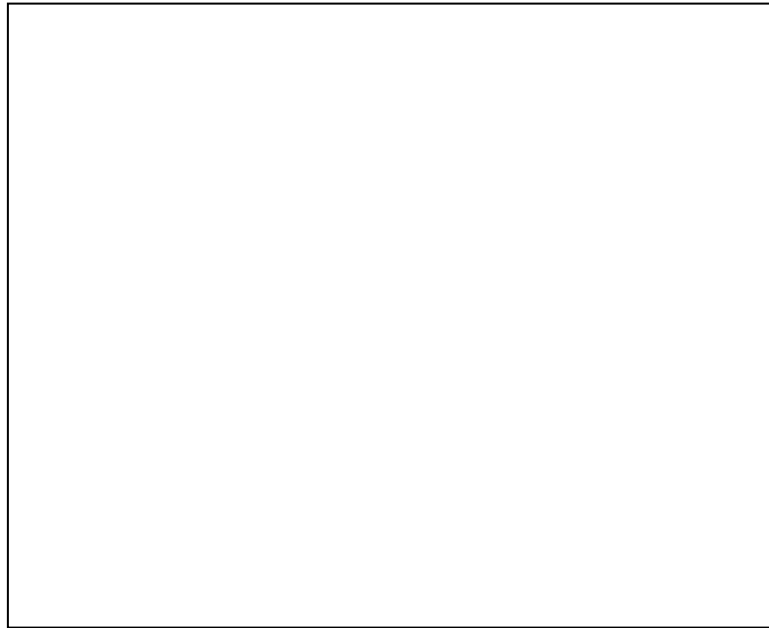


# All About Me



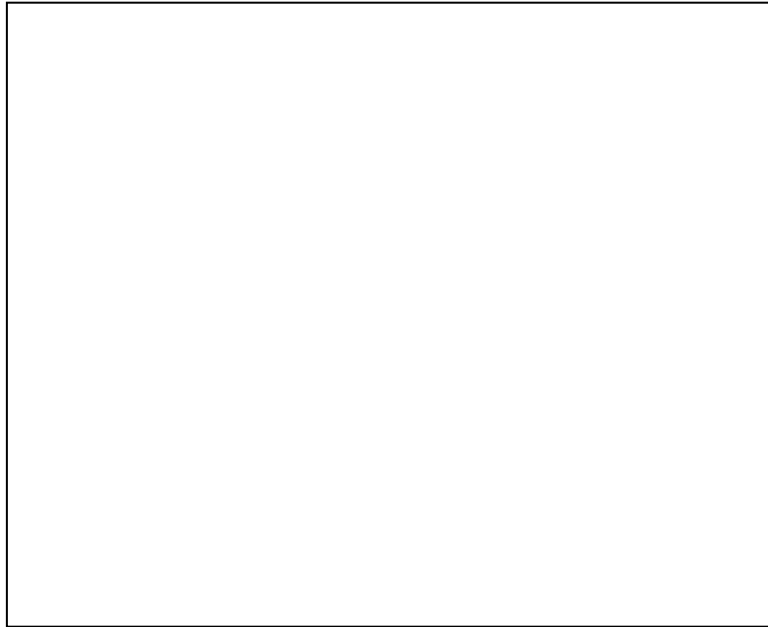
Robert

Hi! My name is Robert. I am seven years old and I am in Mrs. Smith's class with you.



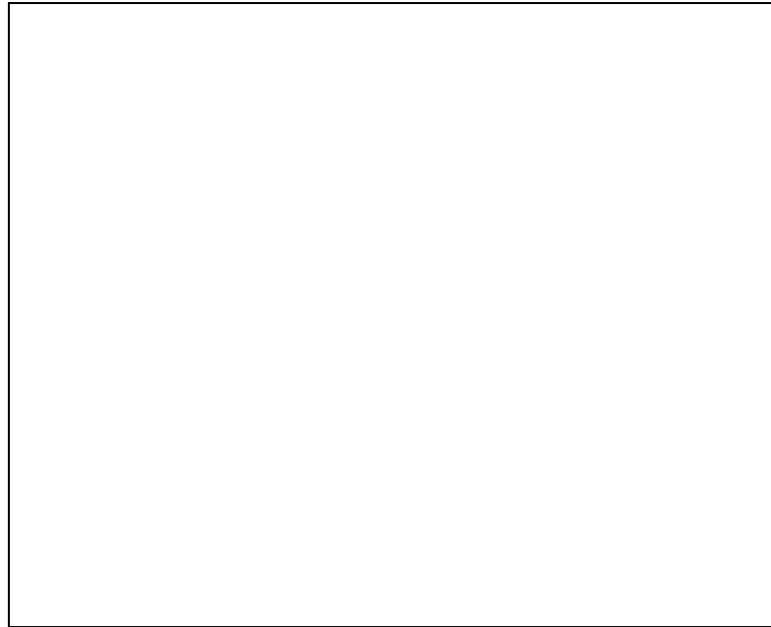
My mom wrote this book to  
tell you a little bit about me.  
There are some things about  
us that are the same and some  
things that are different.

I live in Glencoe with my Mom, Dad, and my dog, Lila.



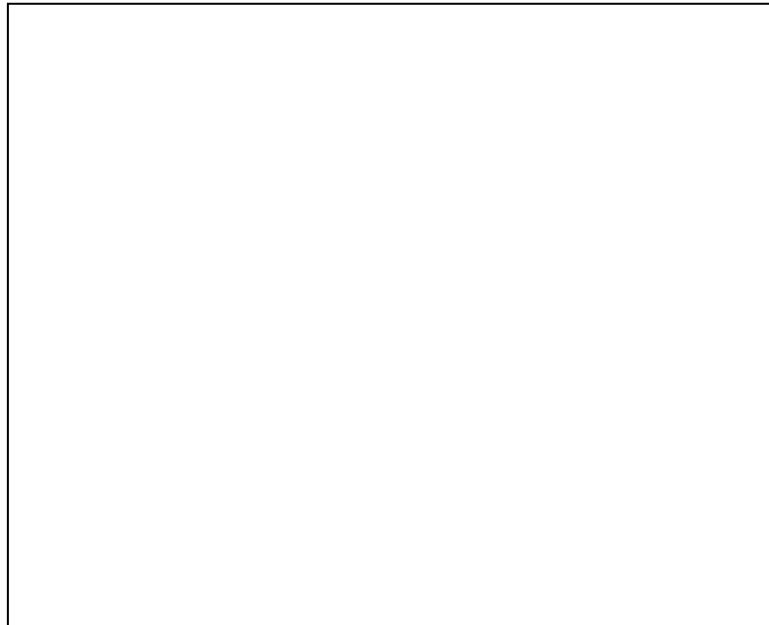
Where do you live?

I love to go swimming, play on the computer, and visit the Botanic Garden.

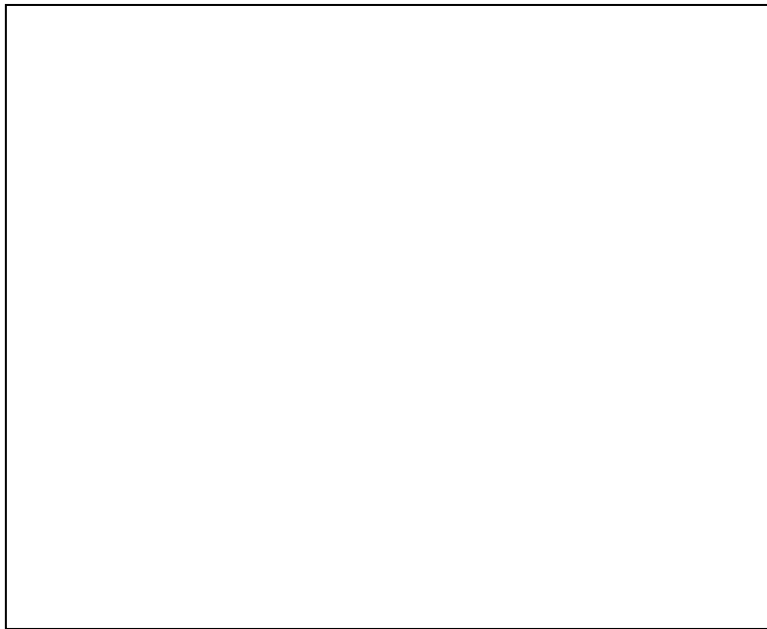


Do you like to do any of those things?

Something you may notice about me is that I do not speak words. I am still trying to learn how to talk. I can use pictures to let you know what I am thinking.

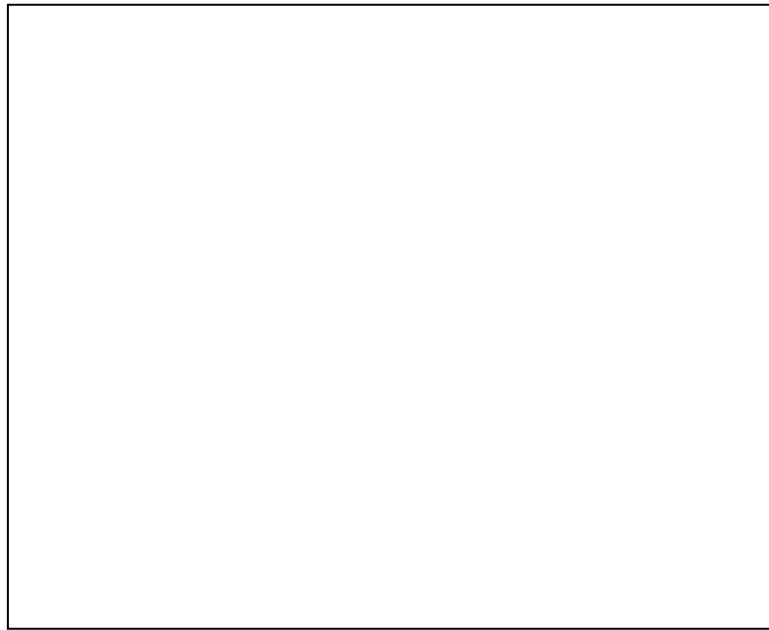


I also know some sign  
language.



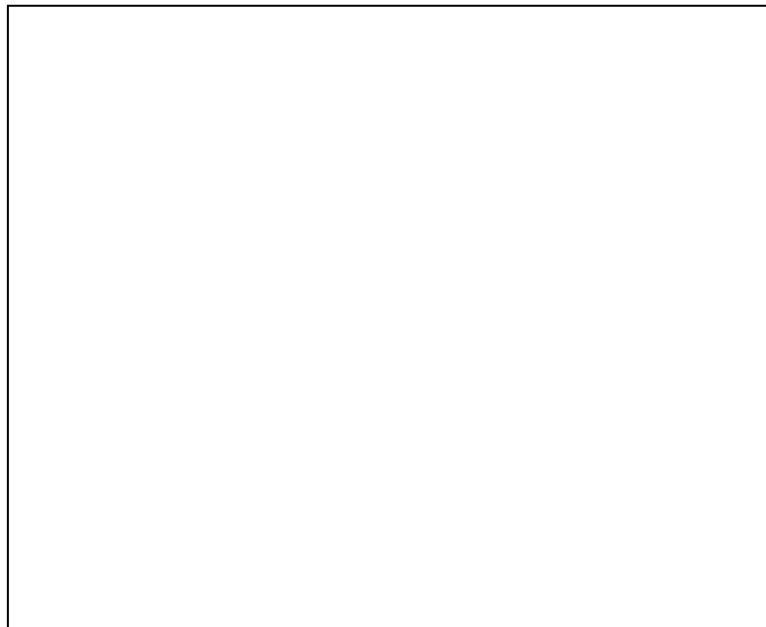
Do you know any sign  
language?

I can understand what you are saying when you use short sentences like “Robert, swing” or “Give me the ball” and “Robert, high five!”



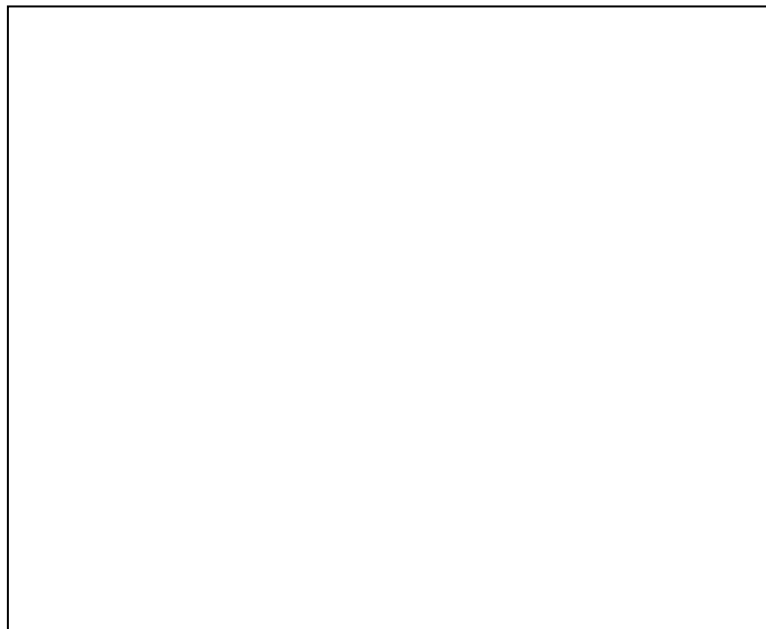


Loud noises and sudden changes make me upset. Sometimes I will cover my ears and other times I will cry. I will be ok. I just need my space.



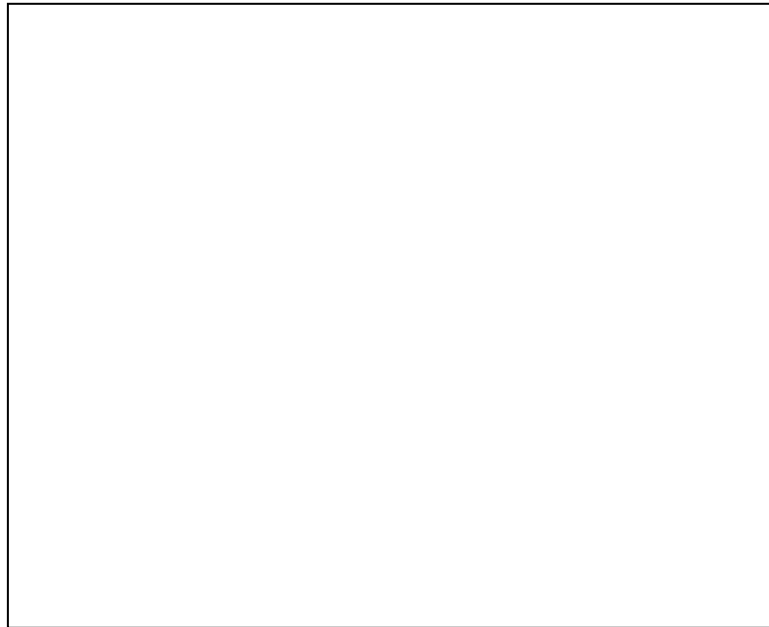
Do you ever need your space?

To be my friend is a little harder than with people who can talk. I can't tell you when I want to do something, so I just go and do it. I would be happy if you would join me!

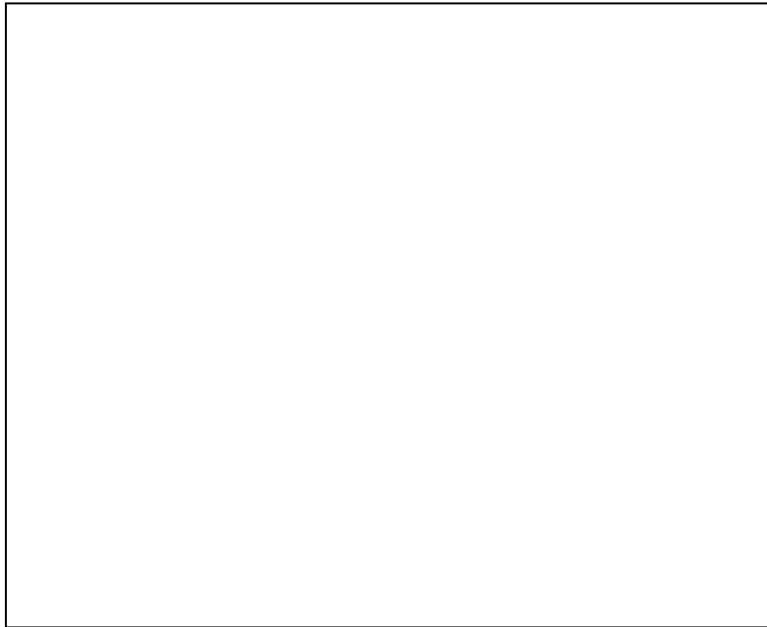


When I have had enough, I will go on to another activity.

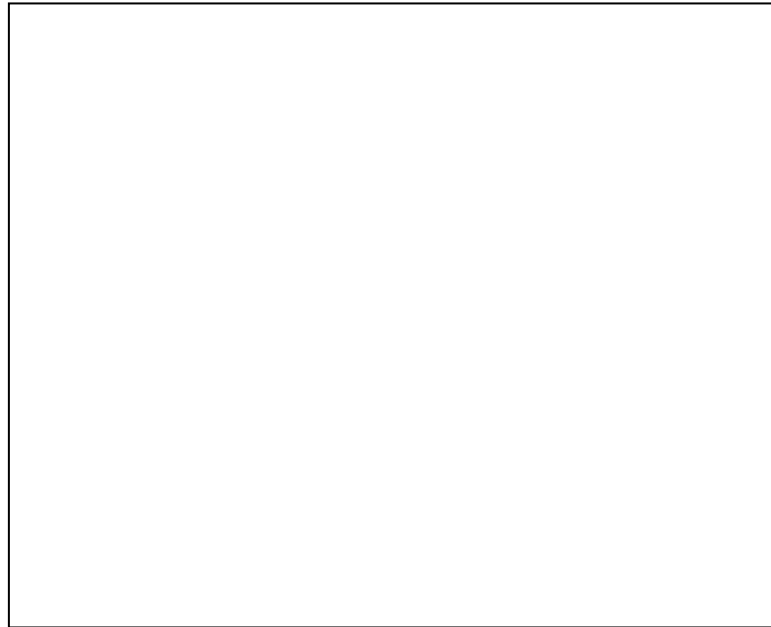
Sometimes I have a short attention span and will bounce from activity to activity. It doesn't mean that I don't want to be your friend.



You will know that I am  
having fun playing with you  
when I am smiling and  
laughing.



The best way to be my friend is to include me when you play. If you are swinging, ask me to swing too. If you are eating lunch, you can ask me to sit next to you.



We will have fun being  
friends!

