Think about a time when you were a leader. Write a personal narrative about this experience for your teacher, using details that tell what you saw, heard, and felt.

My mother teaches swimming lessons in our pool. She teaches Pollywogs and Junior Life Saving. Everyone says she’s a great teacher. She’s really patient.

The kids in Junior Life Saving are older. They have to pass this funny test. They put clothes over their swimsuits. Then they take them off and blow into them until they get all puffy and float. It’s important to know this in case you fall overboard.

Last summer, I helped with the Pollywogs class. The kids in Pollywogs are little. They can’t swim yet. They practiced all the moves out of the water first. They went in the water wearing floaty things. I demonstrated the moves on the grass. They copied me. Mom checked their form. The parents all went inside to watch from the kitchen. Mom makes the parents go inside before the lesson begins. If they stay, the kids don’t behave.

The kids liked me a lot. I always sang a funny song with them at the end of the lesson. They loved that song! I could tell they liked me. They didn’t all love going in the water. Some acted scared. We stayed in the shallow end. The water wasn’t over their heads. Mom says I wouldn’t go near the water when I was their age unless she was holding me. Now I’m a great swimmer. I can’t believe I was ever scared!

We taught the kids how to do lots of stuff in the water. I think I was a good leader.