Making Maple Syrup

The Second Graders at
North Bennington Graded School
We savor sweet memories of tapping maple trees, of collecting sap with our red wagon, of licking foam from boiling sap, and of eating pancakes with our maple syrup now that the 2013 sugaring season is over. We thank Peace Varga for tapping maple trees with us and for sharing his wisdom as we boiled sap into syrup. We also thank Sandra Magsamen for helping us create this book.

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Lilly’s dad and I are drilling a hole in my maple tree on the yard in front of my school.
I am cleaning out little pieces of wood from the hole in my maple tree.
I am tapping a splice into my maple tree. A splice is a spout. The sap will come out of it.
My maple tree was by the stone wall. I am putting my sap bucket on the hook.
I poured my sap into the big blue tub on the wagon.
I am pouring the sap from my maple tree into the big plastic tub on our wagon.
We put our maple sap into a tub to bring it back to school. I am pulling the wagon with the blue tub.
Taylor and I are measuring out sap into a gallon jug. We boiled over 60 gallons of sap to make about a gallon and a half of syrup.
I am pouring some sap into the boiling pan in our sap house at school. My brother was there with me.
We got to taste the sap foam. It was sweet!
Tyrese, Lacey, and I are warming our hands over the steam from the boiling soap in our soap house at school.
my mom came on the day we made pancakes and the labels for our jars of syrup.
Tyrese and I are making batter for our pancakes.
I helped to make the pancake batter for our pancakes.
I am making a label for my jar of maple syrup.
I am making a label for my jar of maple syrup. Each of us took a jar of maple syrup home to share with our family.
The label on my jar of maple syrup said, "Haley's Syrup Company."
We made pancakes. We ate them with our maple syrup. It was fun!