

My Allegory

Message: Do not procrastinate on tasks that are important

Characters:

Mr. Owl--(wisdom)

Sammy Squirrel— (laziness)

Stevie Squirrel--(hard work)

Once upon a time, there were two squirrels—Sammy and Stevie. They both loved to play all summer long. As fall was beginning, Stevie Squirrel decided that it was time to start preparing for winter. Stevie worked hard all day to find and bury acorns. Sammy Squirrel came along and asked Stevie, “What are you doing?” Stevie answered, “I getting ready for winter by burying these acorns.” Sammy said, “ that looks like hard work, I don’t really want to have to work that hard,” and continued walking on. The next day, Sammy came upon Stevie working again and said, “ you know winter is not happening for a while, you don’t need to work so hard.” Stevie just kept on digging and Sammy laughed and walked on. An owl who had been watching this occur from a nearby tree flew up to Sammy and said, “You really should start preparing for winter because it is better to have more acorns than you need than to run out before winter is over.” Sammy said, “Mr. Owl, that looks like hard work and I have plenty of time before the first winter storm.” Mr. Owl replied, “you just never know,” And flew away. A few weeks later, Stevie Squirrel was finishing his digging for the day just as Sammy was walking by and a cold wind started blowing and the temperature dropped quickly. Stevie quickly hurried into his home in the tree but Sammy panicked and started quickly looking for acorns to bury. He could not find any in such a panic as the snow started to fall. Mr. Owl flew overhead announcing to all, “It looks like winter has come early this year, everybody take shelter in your homes!”