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X's For Jeffrey, Jason And Renee

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MIDDLETOWN (Dauphin) — Most children don't like to get X's on their papers. Often an X means someone did something wrong, but for the Nissley children, the more X's they get, the prouder they are.

Six-year-old Jason said, "We get X's for every chore we do. Each X is worth one penny. When we get 100 X's we get one dollar!"

His favorite job is loading his wagon with boxes of wire, which

his dad uses in his electrical business, and storing them in a building. Jason said, "I like to stack them ten boxes high until the wagon tires bulge." But most of all, Jason said, "I like to get muscles from pulling the wagon."

Some chores Jason does not enjoy. He said, "I don't like to clear the table and unload the dishwasher."

Neither does his older brother Jeffrey, 8. He said, "I like to help do things outside, not inside." The brothers and their threeyear-old sister Renee do many things other than work. Renee said, "I like to play on the computer." Renee learned the alphabet and numbers by playing games on the computer. Jeffrey and Jason spent so many hours playing Pacman that their mother needs to remind them that there is other things to do besides playing computer games.

Outside, the brothers like to built a ramp and ride bike over it. It's scary to watch them flying over the ramp, but the boys aren't afraid

A calmer pasttime is playing with their radio control cars.

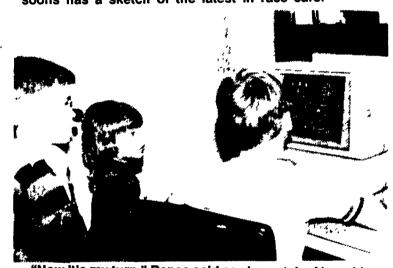
Jeffrey spends many hours drawing. He has notebooks full of race cars and tractors and equipment that he has drawn. His mother said, "Jeffrey is the artist in our family."

Like many children, the Nissley's like to procrastinate at bedtime. They discovered that playing games with their parents helps prolong bedtime. "Almost every night we play "Sorry" or "Skippo" or "Uno", Jeffrey said.

"Yes," Rence chimed in, "we have lots of fun."



Give eight-year-old Jeffrey and pencil and paper and he soons has a sketch of the latest in race cars.



"Now it's my turn," Renee said as she watched her older brother Jeffrey on the computer.



Jeffrey and Jason like to operate their radio-controlled cars in the driveway that goes to their chicken house.



"I take care of my baby just like Mommy takes care of Jeremy," three-year-old Renee exclaimed.



"Look at all my X's," Jason exclaimed. When Jason accumulates 100 X's for the chores he completes, he gets \$1.

MY PET CAT By Ruth Glick

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I have a gray pet cat. She likes rubbing against me. We live on a

farm and she enjoys it. We have about four cats and two kittens. We have other farm animals too, but I like my pet cat the best. She is mostly down in the barn. She, has milk with the other cats every morning and every evening. Well, I should move along.

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