Snowy Days and Sunny Days

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To the many dedicated and committed preschool teachers who pour their hearts into teaching preschoolers, thank you for caring. Thank you for sharing. Preschoolers are worth it!
Anna and Ivan are twins who live in Moscow. Moscow is a big city in Russia. Anna and Ivan live in an apartment on the fourth floor of a tall building. They live with Mama, Papa, and Dudushka [a Russian word for grandmother].

Anna's mother says, "Let's count the steps." Down 47 steps are almost always Ivan on snowy days and sunny days. Anna and Ivan walk around the city to go outside to play.
Instead of sugar, eggnog, bread, and cheese. He asks for jam in his tea.

Her kasha and drinks a cup of hot tea. Ivan has a boiled khar-schali, which looks like oatmeal. She puts honey on mornings start with breakfast! Anna eats kasha.
and girls on their way to school in the mornings. "And
Bobsfushka says, "The trolley is very crowded with boys
we could ride the trolley."

Anna says, "I wish we lived far away from school so
school
sunny day's, Bobushka walks with Anna and I go
works in a factory that builds factories. On snowy day's and
Mama is a doctor who takes care of children. Papa
Sunny days!
During exercise time, Russian
students stretch and jump.

The world Moscow looks like this in Russian:
only 26 letters. Some Russian letters look different, too.
Russian alphabet has 33 letters. The English alphabet has
48.
In the fall, Ann and Ron and Mama and Papa go
in the woods. Umbrellas growing in clumps or circles under leaves. In
mushrooms. Mushroom. Mushroom.

"Where is it?" says Anna. "Oh, come see this big
iron says. "Look. Anna. My basket is almost full."
mushroom. I want Babushka to see this one!"
Mama? How long did you have to wait in line.

"No, too long," Mama says as she adds borscht to the soup pot.

"And what did you buy?" asks Mama.

"Borscht, soup, and priest," says Ivan, smiling and asking Mama, "Are you making our favorite soup?"

"Yes," answers Mama. "We will have borscht for dinner today."
New Years Day is the holiday most important to visit their apartment. Good friends come. Kids like kids, too. They receive presents, and open large packages. They get shiny ice skates. In the afternoon, they go to the park.
we couldn't ice skate in the park.

"No, me," says Ivan, "I'll come here every Saturday.

Anna says as she watches.

"I would like to come to the circus every Saturday!"

But best of all is the funny clown in his straw hat.

Anna and Ivan laugh at the clown bears playing hockey.

Jugglers toss balls and acrobats walk on high wires.

The circus is in a round wooden building.

One Saturday Anna and Ivan go with their family to
Before long, Babushka says, "Come eat the cake!"
Babushka bakes a special Easter cake with raisins.
After church Mama helps Ivan and Anna paint eggs while
Mama, Papa, and Babushka go to church in the morning.
Easter is usually a sunny day in Russia. Anna, Ivan,
and says, "But this is the best time of all!"
long ago. Then she smiles, hugs them both,
when you were a little girl.
"Tell us about
Some days Ivan says, "Please tell us a

Babushka likes to take Anna and Ivan to
Time of all...
and about how much God loves them. It's the best.
Borscht (Booor-shht)

1 cup chopped carrots
1 cup chopped onions
1 cup chopped potatoes
2 cups chopped fresh beets

Koosh (Koo-oo-Ieesh)

1/2 pound of the cake, grated
6 tablespoons margarine
20 minutes, add the other
2 pounds of the cake, grated, and
6 tablespoons of margarine and
corning cake mix according to directions.

Coriander, coriander seeds, and
2 pounds of the cake, grated,
2 cups chopped potatoes
1 cup diced onions
1 cup chopped carrots
2 cups chopped fresh beets