I'm a Big Kid Now - Handout

Bea is a home visitor and has been working with Jana and her family for nearly two years. Jana is now 20 months old and the youngest of five children. She lives with her two older brothers, both of whom are in elementary school, a sister in middle school, and one in high school. Bea usually visits with Jana and her mother in the morning while the older children are at school, but because of scheduling difficulties, makes her visit instead at 4:00 p.m. on a Tuesday afternoon in February. Bea brings a camera with her because she wants to take the opportunity to take pictures of Jana's brothers and sisters if they are home.

When she gets to Jana's apartment, Bea sees Jana sitting at a table with her two older brothers, who are doing their homework. Bea takes the following picture of Jana:



After she leaves the apartment, Bea notes in Jana's journal:

"2/26 It was interesting to interact with Jana with her brothers in the house. She would look over at them and then try to do what they did—make a line on the paper, turn a page. Her mother explained that "Jana insists on doing 'homework' at the table with her brothers."