A Generous Person

Kimberly, a generous person, had 36 new, unsharpened Power-Glow-Girls pencils. She wanted to share them equally among three friends. She gathered her friends together. As they huddled around Kimberly, the girls wondered if they would each receive the same number of pencils. Luckily, Kimberly knew how to divide. She informed the friends that they would each get the same amount. Kimberly knew that if she gave one of her friends more than the others, the ones who got fewer might be jealous. Without using a calculator, Kimberly was able to solve the division equation ‘thirty-six divided by three.’ Each of her friends received a dozen pencils from their generous friend.

At home, Kimberly was just as generous with members of her family. She would always share her pillows and
stuffed animals when her little sister Rebecca had trouble sleeping. When her older brother Francisco needed help with his math homework, Kimberly would stop working on her assignments and help him until he understood his.

Kimberly’s grandmother Maria recently arrived from the Philippines to live with their family. If she wanted to practice her English, Kimberly would stop whatever she was doing and help her learn words for things around the house, like ‘refrigerator’, and verbs for things people do, like ‘vacuuming’. Kimberly often served as a language translator for parents and teachers at her school, even if it meant leaving her friends at recess to do it.