“Right Dog for the Job”

Vocabulary
1. confidence – feeling sure about abilities
2. graduate – to finish school or training
3. performs – acts
4. confesses – admits something is true
5. foster – cared for by an adult for a period of time
6. patiently – waiting calming
7. disobey – not do what you are told
8. ceremony – a special event celebrating something
9. reward – to give a person something they earned
10. symbol – an object that stands for something else

Spelling
- glance
- judge
- damage
- package
- twice
- stage
- carriage
- since
- practice
- marriage
- baggage
- office
- message
- bridge
- chance
- notice
- ridge
- manage
- palace
- bandage

Challenge Words
- fringe
- average
- fleece
- fragrance
- excellence

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Story Skill: Sequence of Events
Sequence of Events – the order in which events take place in time.
Visualize – to picture a story scene or event in the mind.

As you read, notice the sequence, or order in which events take place. Also notice that the main sequence of events is interrupted once to tell the story from another point of view. To keep track of the sequence, look for dates and times of day as well as clue words such as when, now, then, and again.

Decoding Skill: Sound/Spelling Changes
*Sometimes, letters change their sound in different words. Break the work into syllables and read each syllable aloud. Try each sound until the word sounds like one you know. Ex: electricity. The -c becomes an -s sound.

Comprehension Questions
1. What is the first paragraph mainly about?
2. What happened when Ira was 8 weeks old?
3. How did Ira learn to stay calm?
4. What happened just before summer vacation?
5. Why did Ira go to Guide Dogs for the Blind?
6. Why did Ira’s name change to Irah?
7. What is the selection mainly about?