



## THE ADVENTURES OF ABIGAIL FIELDMOUSE ABIGAIL AND SEAMUS' CHILDREN



When we last visited with Abigail she and her husband Seamus had become parents of four baby mice born over the winter season. Abigail and her family lived under the floorboards of the old Pine Grove one-room school house in the late 1800s. During these last several months the four babies who were given names from the stratosphere because they were born at night, have become active toddlers. Each one has his or her own distinct personality, characteristics and talents just like children. They are as unique as snowflakes!

Stardust, the firstborn girl, was adventurous right from the start...just like her mother! She was always exploring, always wanting to see new places and learn about new things. She was the tallest of the mice children and she liked to wear hats...she would often borrow, with permission, one of her mother's hats which of course was too big for her head. Being so young, she wasn't allowed to go further away than the school's property but she longed to one day be allowed to venture out into the countryside.

Moonglow, the second girl, had a keen intellect and loved books from the very first time Abigail read to her. She followed along the story looking at the pictures and Abigail taught her the names of colors as they went through the book. She began to learn to read very small words and soon was never seen without a little book in her hand or sitting on a rock reading.

Celestial, the third girl, loved Nature and was always finding 'treasures' around the school house yard. She would bring her mother, whom she called "mum", small bouquets of wildflowers, tiny stones of rosy pink quartz or sparkly mica, or little creatures like baby crickets...she kept them in a small jar (with holes poked in) in her bedroom at night and the family fell asleep listening to the pleasant chirp, chirping sound made when the tiny crickets rubbed their small legs together.

Galaxy was the only boy and one might think that he was timid growing up among three sisters. Quite the opposite...he was the most spirited of the litter. He loved to climb trees, wear his father's big shoes to clomp around the house, and made everybody laugh with his funny sense of humor and antics. He could light up a room with his vibrant personality. One thing that Galaxy had that was not the same as the other mouse kids is that he was born with a club foot. This is a condition that sometimes happens where a foot is twisted inward thus making it harder to walk and not being able to run. Galaxy was often frustrated as he tried to keep up playing with his sisters but he couldn't go as fast like they could. He would often start to cry but dad Seamus knew what to do, he would lift Galaxy upward toward the sky (just like his name) and put him on his shoulders and they would both run around with the girls!

Abigail, being a loving mom, worried that one day when Galaxy would go to Mouse School (held in another mouse house) that the other children might be unkind toward him because of his odd-shaped foot. But Abigail always told him that he was made that way for a reason, that all mice folk just like human folk, had to face challenges in their life and this was his challenge. She told him never to be ashamed because the different foot was just a part of who he was and he would do wonderful things in his life.

Seamus and Abigail were proud parents raising healthy and strong young mice. They were lucky to have family members living close by to share love and family togetherness.

Life was good!