

New School Jitters

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The summer was winding down with only one week before it was time to return to school. Mandy was new to the neighborhood and town, and she didn't meet any kids her age over the summer. "Mom, I'm getting nervous about the first day of school." "Why should you be nervous?" asked her mom. "You were excited to start school in a new town." "It's just that I haven't met any kids yet, and I don't want to be alone on the first day."

That night after dinner, Mandy went to her room and got in touch with some of her old friends from Dixson Elementary School. She chatted with them and told her good friend, Lynn, that she was nervous because she didn't know anyone. Her friend got back to her and said that another girl from Dixson Elementary moved to the same neighborhood as Mandy. "She lives on Grayson Street," said Lynn. "Isn't that near your house?" "Yes, it is two streets behind my house," replied Mandy. "I'll give her your address and you two can meet up before school starts."

Mandy was feeling so much better. The next day, she told her mom about Lynn's friend who went to their old school. "What is her name?" asked mom. "Lynn said her name is Lorraine." "She is suppose to stop by today," said Mandy. Sure enough, it was about 10:30 and the doorbell rang. "Are you Mandy?" asked a young girl with brown hair. "Lynn told me to come by and meet you since we will be new at the school next week." "It sure is good to meet someone before school starts," said Mandy. "I agree." "At least we will know each other until we meet more kids," said Lorraine. Their moms decided to take the girls to school so they could look around and find their way, and the moms got to meet each other as well.

That night, Mandy got back in touch with Lynn and thanked her for helping out. "You're welcome, and good luck at your new school," said Lynn. "We will miss you!"



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