

## Nervous About Third Grade

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Summer had come and gone so quickly that Robbie couldn't believe he had to get ready to go back to school. "We need to go to the store and get your school supplies," said mom. There was just one problem, Robbie was going to be the new kid in the class this year and didn't know anyone. He was not looking forward to third grade. *What if no one wants to play*



*with me at recess or sit with me at lunch,* Robbie thought to himself. The night before the first day of school Robbie was nervous and went to talk with his mother. Robbie told her he was scared about starting third grade in a new school. Mom said he was worrying about nothing. "The boys will see how nice you are and will ask you to play at recess," said mom. "Just be yourself." Mom told Robbie that it was getting late, and he needed to get to bed so he will be ready for the first day of school. Robbie tossed and turned that night.

The next morning, mom wished Robbie good luck as she dropped him off at school. "Do you want me to come in with you to find your classroom?" asked mom. "I'm not a baby," said Robbie. "I can find it by myself." Robbie found his room, 3A, and went in and saw his name on his desk. His teacher, Miss Jenkins, said hello and welcomed him to Madison Elementary School. He sat down and soon some other kids came in. One boy said, "Hi, my name is Roy." "Are you new here?" Robbie said, "Yes, I moved here in July." "Do you like baseball or football?" asked Roy. Robbie said, "I love football." "Maybe at recess we can throw my football," said Roy.

Later that day, mom picked Robbie up from school and asked him how his first day went. "It was great!" said Robbie. "I made friends with a boy named Roy, and we threw his football at recess. We also ate lunch together and his friend Joe sat with me too." "Sounds like you had a good first day," said mom. "I sure did!" Even my teacher is nice," said Robbie. Mom smiled, and said she was glad his first day had been a good one. "I can't wait for tomorrow," said Robbie. "My new school is the best!"

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  - C. He didn't finish his homework.
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  - B. Jim
  - C. Jeff
  - D. Roy
  
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  - C. Sad
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