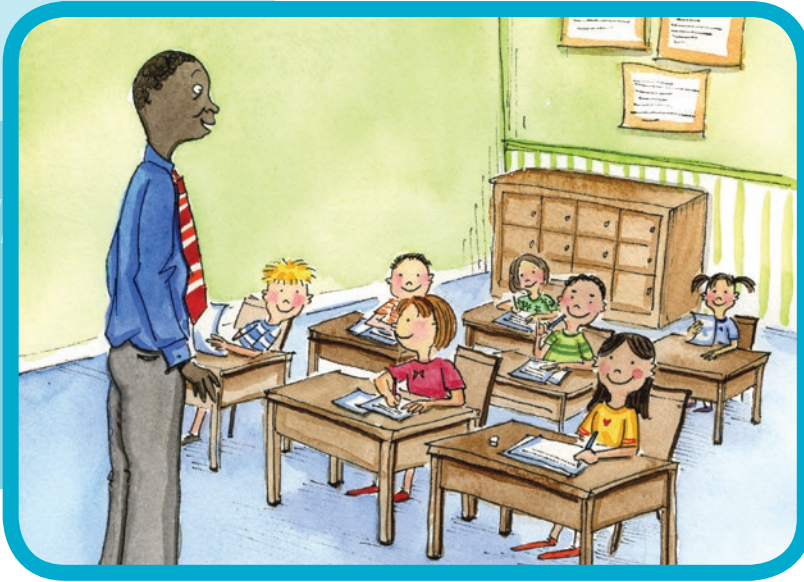


Mr. Reed's Last Day



by Claire Daniel



Today is Mr. Reed's last day. He is leaving his job. Mr. Reed is going back to school. He will be training. He will learn to teach computer skills to kids.

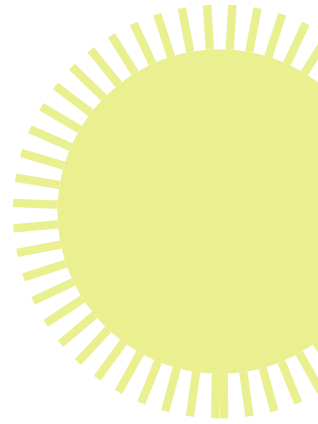
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Main Ideas and Details

Where is Mr. Reed going?

It is his last day. His students know.
They smile a lot. No one says a thing.

Mr. Reed wants to go learn more. It
is a sensible thing to do. Still, he is not
so happy. He is leaving. He thinks the
children do not care.

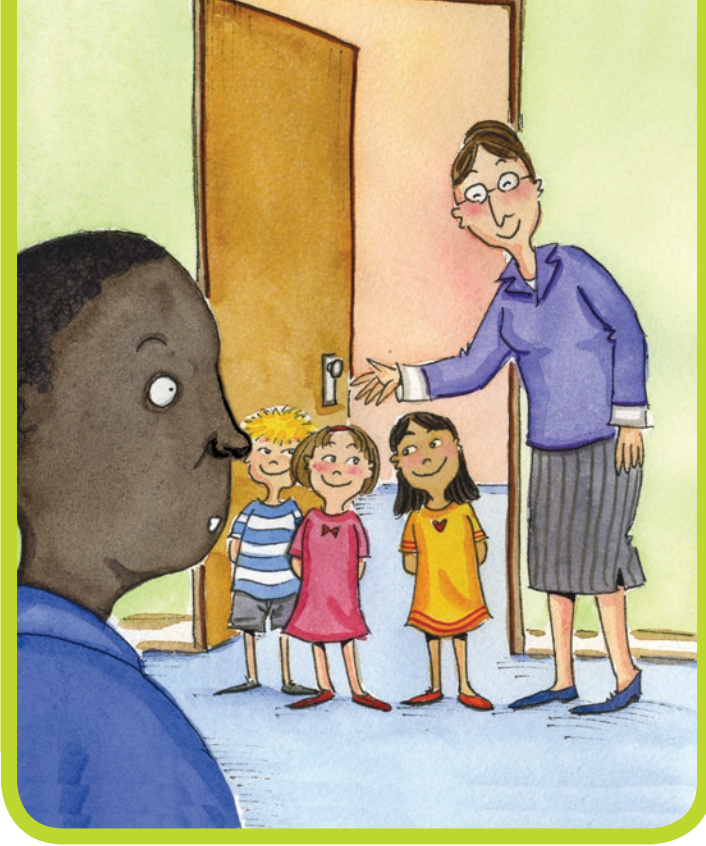


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Main Ideas and Details

Why isn't Mr. Reed happy?



The principal comes to class. She brings Curt and Gina. They wink at each other.

"Now I need Ann," the principal says.
"Her father is here."

"This is odd," Mr. Reed says. The children just smile.

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Retell

What has happened in the story so far?

All day long, the principal picks up children. Then she brings them back.

Mr. Reed gives the children a test. They do not mind. They smile and smile. Mr. Reed says, "That's odd, too."



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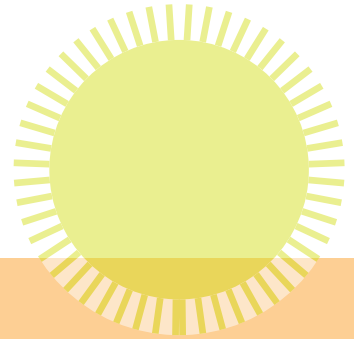
Retell

What have the children been doing all day?

Then the principal asks for Ann, Gina, and Curt again. Now Mr. Reed is very confused.

Curt, Ann, and Gina come back. They have food, party hats, and a big box.

“Surprise!” the children yell.



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Main Ideas and Details

What do the children have when they come back? Why do they yell?



Ann says, "My dad brought this balloon."

Gina says, "The principal helped us write notes."

Curt says, "We put the notes onto the balloon. They will make you think of us."

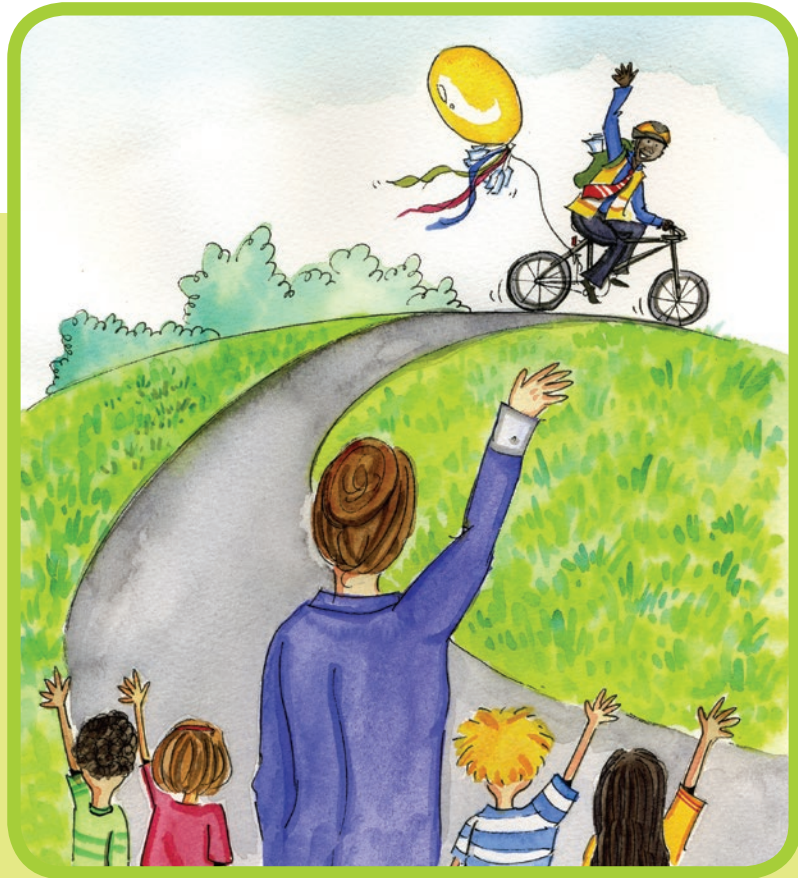
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Retell

What did the children do for Mr. Reed?

Now Mr. Reed is happy. He says,
“This is no ordinary surprise!”

He ties the balloon to his bike. He
rides home. The students wave. They
will miss him.



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Retell

Retell the story in your own words.

Reread and Respond



1 What is the problem in this story?

Hint

For a clue, see page 211.

2 What do the children do on Mr. Reed's last day?

Hint

For clues, see pages 214, 215, and 216.

3 How does this story end?

Hint

For a clue, see page 216.