Leo and the Classroom Mermaid

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Leo lingered after school, gathering his colorful crayons. The classroom was quiet, sunlight streaming through the windows, making dust motes dance. He turned to leave, but then he saw a shimmer near Lucy's desk, and a flash of vibrant pink caught his eye.

His jaw dropped! Where Lucy's legs should have been was a magnificent, shimmering pink mermaid tail, complete with delicate fins. Her ginger hair fanned around her, and her freckled face held a look of wide-eyed surprise, mirroring Leo's own expression. A small, sparkling puddle had mysteriously appeared on the floor around her.

Lucy giggled, a sound like tiny bells, and playfully flopped her tail, sending a spray of water droplets into the air. Leo, still a little stunned, couldn't help but smile back. He carefully walked closer, his eyes wide with wonder at the magical sight.

"How will we get you home?" Leo whispered, looking at her long, beautiful tail. Lucy pointed to the classroom door with a playful wink. Together, they imagined a daring plan, Lucy wiggling her tail and Leo gently guiding her across the polished floor, leaving a faint, sparkling trail.

Just as the last ray of sun dipped below the window, Lucy gave a final, happy flick of her tail, making the classroom sparkle one last time. They shared a secret smile, knowing their ordinary classroom had become a place of extraordinary magic. Leo knew he'd never forget his classmate, the pink-tailed mermaid, and their amazing after-school adventure.