



# New Friend at School

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Monday morning, a bright classroom with colorful posters. Leo, a small boy with big, wide eyes and a slightly wobbly stance, stands shyly beside the teacher's desk. He clutches his backpack straps tightly, a little cloud of nerves hovering playfully above his head.



The teacher, a kind woman with a warm smile and a friendly wave, leans down slightly towards Leo. Her eyes sparkle with encouragement as she extends a welcoming hand. The other children in the classroom watch with curious, friendly expressions.



Leo, still a bit shy but encouraged by the teacher's smile, takes a small step forward. He looks up at her with a gentle gaze, his mouth forming a soft smile. He quietly introduces himself, "My name is Leo."



The teacher's smile remains as she asks another question, her hand gently resting on her chin. Leo proudly holds up seven fingers, a bright, happy grin spreading across his face. He feels a tiny bit braver now.



The teacher points playfully to a world map on the wall, her arm sweeping in a wide arc. Leo's eyes light up as he points to a colorful spot on the map. He beams as he shares, "I am from Costa Rica!"



The teacher makes a gesture indicating a group of children, her expression warm and inviting. Leo confidently holds up two fingers, his chest puffing out just a little. He proudly declares, "I am in second grade!"



A bright-eyed girl named Emma, with bouncy pigtails and a super-friendly smile, skips over to Leo. She holds out her hand in a welcoming gesture, her face full of cheerful curiosity. Emma is eager to make a new friend.



Leo's nervousness completely melts away as he sees Emma's friendly face. He lets out a joyful, bubbling laugh, his whole body wiggling with excitement. He happily takes Emma's hand, feeling a wonderful connection.



Emma's eyes are wide and full of genuine happiness, reflecting Leo's newfound joy. Leo, now beaming from ear to ear, gives a big thumbs-up, his smile stretching from ear to ear. He feels absolutely wonderful and says, "Yes, I am happy!"



The school day ends, and Leo walks out of the classroom hand-in-hand with Emma, both of them giggling. The sun shines brightly, casting playful shadows as they skip along. Leo's heart is full of happiness, knowing he has a wonderful new friend.