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Mia and Sam sit cross-legged in their favorite sunlit corner of the playground, surrounded by colorful wooden blocks. They are focused and happy, starting to build the foundation of their daily masterpiece.



The block tower reaches high toward the sky, a marvel of balance and color. Mia places a bright red block on top while Sam holds the base steady, both wearing proud smiles as they admire their work.



A new student named Lily stands a few feet away, her hands tucked behind her back. She watches the duo with wide, curious eyes, longing to join the creative magic happening in the quiet corner.



Lily steps closer and asks if she can help, her voice soft and hopeful. Mia looks up, feeling a pinch of worry that a third person might change their perfect routine or knock over their hard work.



Sam looks up with a bright, welcoming grin and tells Lily they can make the tower even taller together. His kindness fills the air, making the playground feel a little warmer and more inviting.

MIA AND LILY



Mia pauses, remembering how nervous she felt on her very first day of school. She chooses a smooth blue block and gently slides it across the floor toward Lily, offering a small, encouraging smile.

TEAMWORK MAKES MAKES THE DREAM WORK!



Three pairs of hands now work in harmony, adding blocks of all shapes and sizes to the structure. The tower grows in ways Mia and Sam never imagined, becoming more complex and beautiful with Lily's help.



The giant tower wobbles and sways, causing the three friends to burst into fits of giggles. When it finally stands firm, they cheer together, their voices echoing across the playground in a celebration of teamwork.



MIA

The next day, Mia realizes that her special bond with Sam hasn't changed at all. Instead of losing a best friend, she feels like her heart has grown big enough to hold two wonderful friendships at once.



The corner of the playground is now filled with laughter and even more children joining the fun. Mia looks around at the growing circle of friends, realizing that the best towers are built when everyone has a place to play.