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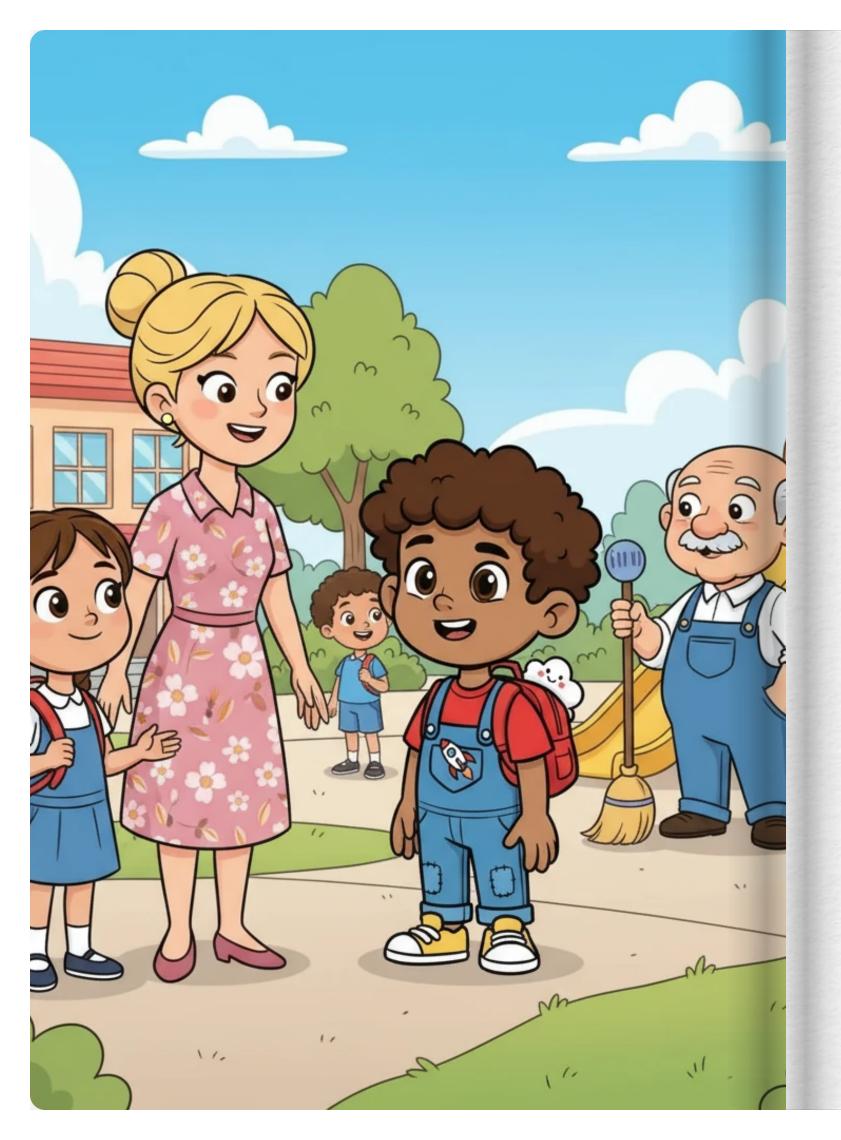
Alex skipped excitedly into the bustling primary school, lunchbox in hand, ready for a fun day. The vibrant hallways echoed with the sounds of children laughing and chatting. Alex, with a bright smile, headed towards the classroom, eager to start the day's lessons.



During playtime, Alex realized his lunchbox was gone! Panic surged as he remembered placing it near the playground slide. He frantically searched, his heart sinking with each passing moment, imagining all the delicious snacks now lost.



Alex's best friends, Maya and Ben, noticed his distress and immediately offered help. They formed a detective team, determined to find the missing lunchbox. Maya, with her sharp eyes, began examining the playground for clues.



Ben, a clever boy, suggested they question everyone who was near the slide. They interviewed classmates, teachers, and even the school janitor. The trio followed leads, their determination growing with each new piece of information.



Following a small muddy footprint, they found a trail that led to the school garden. There, hidden beneath a bush, they discovered the lunchbox! A mischievous squirrel had taken it, but thankfully, nothing was damaged.



With the lunchbox recovered, Alex, Maya, and Ben shared a triumphant hug. They learned the importance of friendship and teamwork. Alex enjoyed his lunch, feeling grateful for his friends and the exciting adventure they shared.