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Welcome to 2nd Grade!
It was the night before the first day of school.

“I’m excited about second grade,” said Victor.

“But I’m nervous, too. What if I don’t know anyone in my class?”

“Don’t worry,” replied Mom. “You’ll make new friends!”
At her home, Kendra also was getting ready for bed.

“I’m nervous,” she said.
“What if I can’t find my classroom?”

“You’ll be okay,” replied Dad.
“People will be there to help you.”
The next morning, Jasmin was getting ready for school.

“I wonder who my teacher is going to be,” she said.

“I wish I could have Mrs. Hall again.”

“She was a great teacher,” replied Mommy.

“But I bet your new teacher will be great, too.”
At his home, Derek also was getting ready.

“I’m excited to start second grade,” he said.

“But what if the work is too hard?”

“Your teacher will help you,” replied Grandpa.

“And we will, too.”
A little while later, the children got to school. They were excited to see each other.
Even better, they found out they were in the same class!

Now Victor felt less nervous.
A teacher’s helper led them to their new classroom. It was right next door to their old one!

Now Kendra felt less nervous.

The children sat down and waited for their teacher.

Just then, Mrs. Hall walked in. “Hello, children!”
“We’re very happy to see you!” Jasmin said.
“But aren’t your first graders waiting next door?”
“Well, no,” replied Mrs. Hall. “A second grade teacher left to have a baby. So . . .”
“... I’m moving up to second grade, too!”

Now Jasmin and Derek felt much less nervous.

With Mrs. Hall as their teacher, **everyone** would have a great year!
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