

Literature Series

Celebrating Adults at Schools



Thank You, Mr. Falker, by Patricia Polacco, Philomel Books, 1998.

The author describes how she was teased as a child because of her reading disability. A caring teacher guides the student through difficult times.



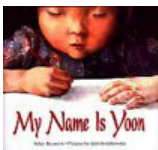
Crow Boy, by Taro Yashima, Puffin Books, 1974.

Students tease Chibi when he comes to school. Only a sensitive new teacher recognizes Chibi's plight and helps him regain some dignity and self-respect.



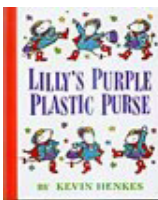
Painted Words; Spoken Memories: Marianne's Story, by Aliko. Greenwillow Books, 1998.

A sensitive teacher guides Marianne through the difficult first year of school in the United States.



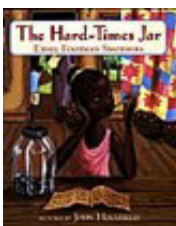
My Name is Yoon, by Helen Recorvits, Farrar Straus and Giroux, 2003.

A teacher demonstrates patience and caring as she helps Yoon adjust to school.



Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse, by Kevin Henkes, Greenwillow Books, 1996.

Lilly loves school, and she has special respect and admiration for her teacher, the marvelous Mr. Slinger!



The Hard Times Jar, by Ethel Footman Smothers, Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2003.

Emma's enthusiasm for books and reading leads to her breaking a class rule about borrowing library books. Her teacher is understanding and patient.

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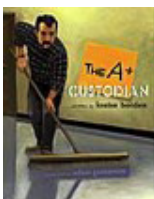
The Peanut-Free Café, by Gloria Koster. Albert Whitman & Co., 2006.

Grant, a new student at the Nutley School, must eat at a table by himself in the cafeteria because he is allergic to peanut butter. The Nutley School community comes up with a plan that will make Grant feel both safe and included at lunchtime.



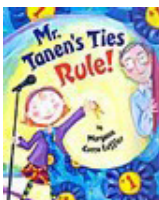
The Dot, by Peter H. Reynolds, Candlewick Press, 2003.

A wise teacher gently encourages a reluctant art student to “make a mark” and see where it leads.



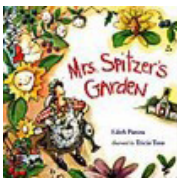
A+ Custodian, by Louise Borden, M.K. McElderry Books 2004.

Students surprise their special custodian, Mr. Carillo, with a banner and notes that express their appreciation for his devotion to them and their school.



Mr. Tanen's Ties Rule! by Maryann Cocoa-Leffler, Albert Whitman, 2005.

On Career Day, Principal Tanen distributes “job” ties to the students who will run Lynnhurst School for the day while he and the teachers become students, but important surprise visitors arrive in the midst of the ensuing chaos.



Mrs. Spitzer's Garden, by Edith Pattou, Harcourt, 2001.

Mrs. Spitzer lovingly looks after each new crop of students.



A Fine, Fine School, by Sharon Creech, Joanna Cotler Books, 2001.

When a principal loves his school so much that he wants the children to attend classes every day of the year, it's up to his students to show him free time is a good thing, too.

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First Day Jitters, by Julie Danneburg, Charlesbridge, 2000.

Someone is so nervous about starting school, that she refuses to get out of bed. When she finally walks into her classroom, her students are glad to meet their new teacher!



Frindle, by Andrew Clements, Aladdin, 1998.

In her own way, a dedicated and insightful teacher encourages a spirited student to follow his dream.