

# The Last Day of School

A Reading A-Z Level I Leveled Book  
Word Count: 290

## Connections

### Writing and Art

Draw a picture and continue the story at the birthday party.

### Math

John wants all thirty of his classmates to sign his yearbook.

Three students have already signed.

How many students still need to sign his yearbook?

(Hint: John does not need to sign his own yearbook.)

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## Focus Question

Who is telling the story?  
What does this character do  
on the last day of school?

## Words to Know

kickball  
nurse  
office

sign  
traded  
yearbooks

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## Correlation

### LEVEL I

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It was the last day of school.  
Our desks were clean, and we had  
our summer reading lists.  
Mr. Brown stood up.  
“Now’s the time you’ve all been  
waiting for,” he said.



*Is it summer now?* I wondered.  
I was so excited.  
“Time to hand out **yearbooks!**”  
Mr. Brown said.  
Everyone cheered.



This year, I wanted all the third graders to **sign** my yearbook. I got my class and Mr. Brown to sign it.

“It’s time for the **kickball** game!” Mr. Brown said.

*Perfect!* I thought.

*The rest of the third graders can sign my yearbook at the game.*



The third graders won the game. I got every third grader to sign my yearbook except one.





John Morgan had hurt his knee  
at the start of the game.  
He was still with the **nurse**.



At last, Mr. Brown said school  
was over.  
We could all go home!  
I ran to the nurse's **office**.



John was there, looking sad.  
He had a bag of ice on his knee.



“Hi, John,” I said.  
He gave me a small smile.  
“Would you sign my yearbook?”  
His smile grew bigger.  
“Yes, but only if you sign mine,”  
he said.





We **traded** our books.  
I opened his and saw only  
a few names.



"I wanted to have everyone sign  
it this year.  
Then I got stuck in here," he said.  
He looked sad again.



"I know what to do," I said.  
"My parents said I can have  
a big birthday party in July.  
If you come, you can have lots  
of kids sign it then."



"Really?" he said.  
I nodded.  
"That would be great!" he said.





I left school with a full yearbook  
and a new friend.  
Not a bad way to start the summer.

## Glossary

- kickball** (n.) a game sort of like baseball in which a player kicks a large rubber ball and then runs the bases (p. 5)
- nurse** (n.) a person who is trained to care for sick people (p. 7)
- office** (n.) a place where a person goes to work or do business (p. 8)
- sign** (v.) to mark one's name on something; to autograph (p. 5)
- traded** (v.) gave one thing for another in return (p. 11)
- yearbooks** (n.) books printed by a school to show pictures of people and activities from one school year (p. 4)