## The Last Day of School

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### **Connections**

### **Writing and Art**

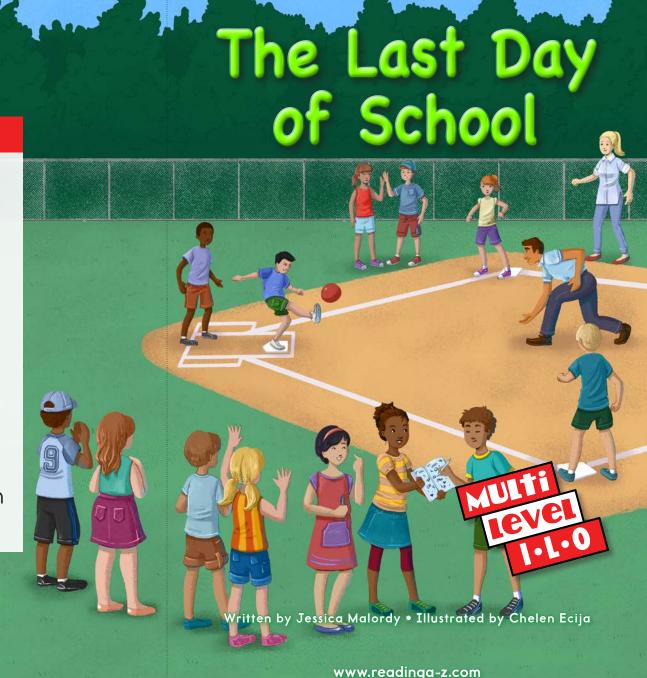
Draw a picture and continue the story at the birthday party.

### 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 sign

nurse traded

office yearbooks

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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.

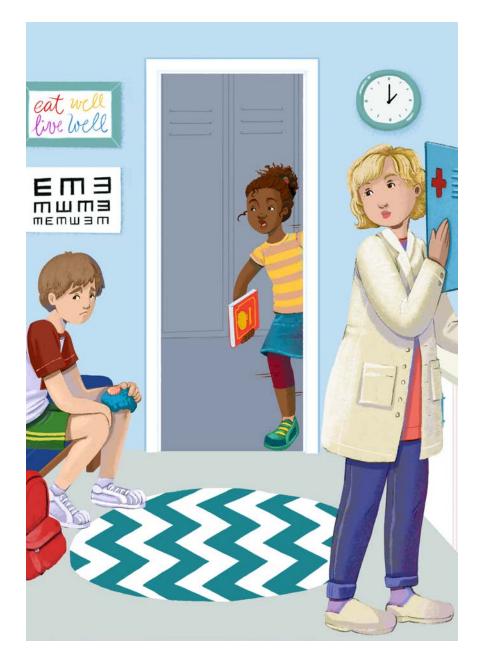


John Morgan had hurt his knee at the start of the game. He was still with the **nurse**.



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.

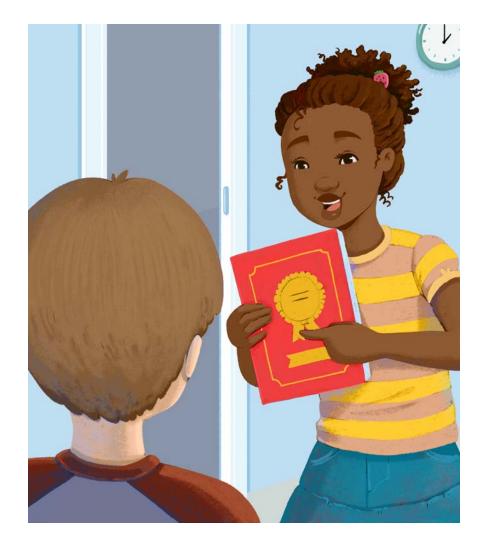
I opened his and saw only a few names.



"I wanted to have everyone sign it this year.

Then I got stuck in here," he said. He looked sad again.

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"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 books printed by
(n.) a school to show pictures of people and

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activities from one school year (p. 4)