

LET'S GO TO SCHOOL

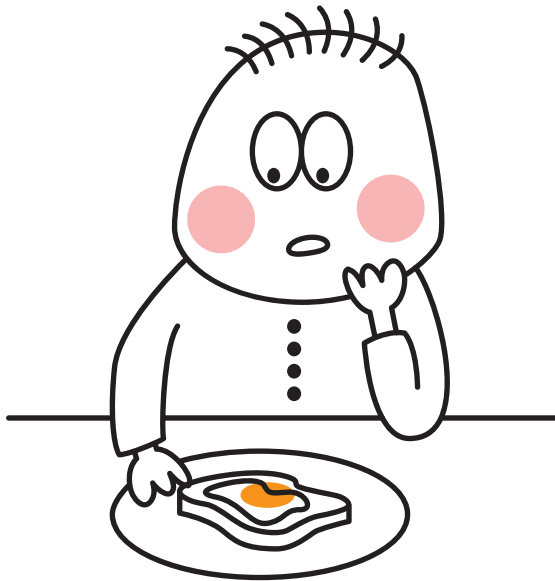


An activity and story book for children
and families about starting kindergarten

Charlie woke up and remembered
– today was the first day of kindergarten!

He ate his breakfast slowly.

“Are you excited about school?” asked his mum.



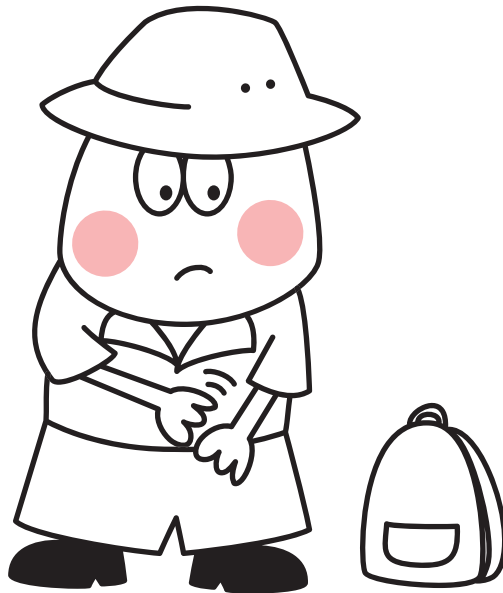
“I’m not sure yet,” said Charlie.

After breakfast he got dressed in his uniform. "Why don't we wear our own clothes to school?" he asked.

"So everyone knows who their new friends are," said his mum.

"Don't forget your hat!"

"It's a lot to remember," said Charlie.



Help Charlie get dressed by colouring in his uniform - it's the same colour as yours.

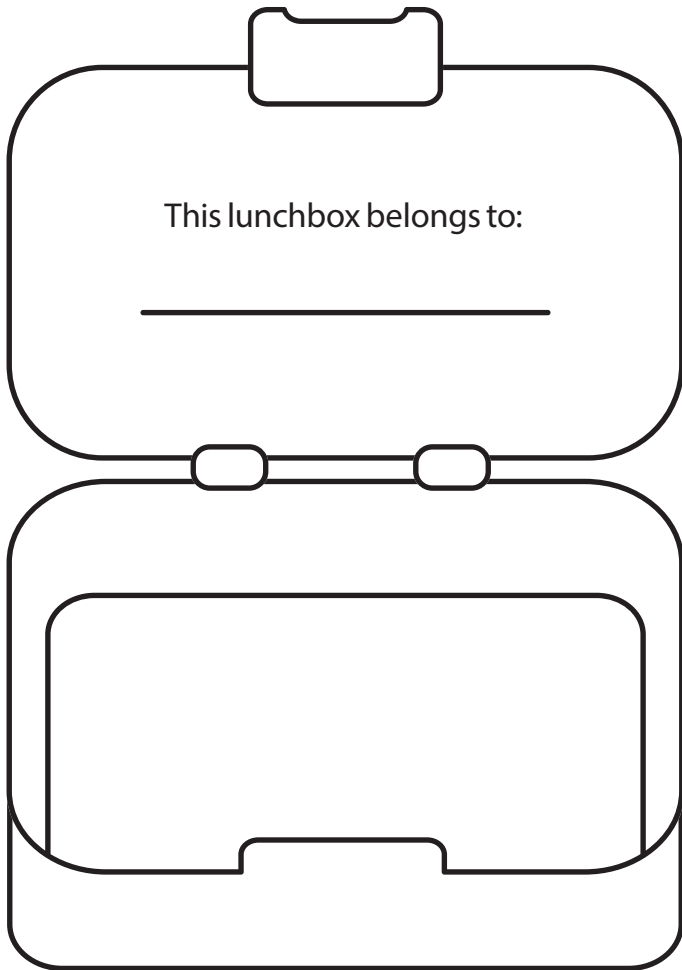
Tip for families: Ease into the new school routine and practice getting ready in the uniform and shoes. Don't forget to label your child's belongings!

While Charlie got dressed, Dad packed his new lunchbox into his bag with his water bottle.

“Vegemite and cheese, with a fruit snack!
Sound good, Charlie?”

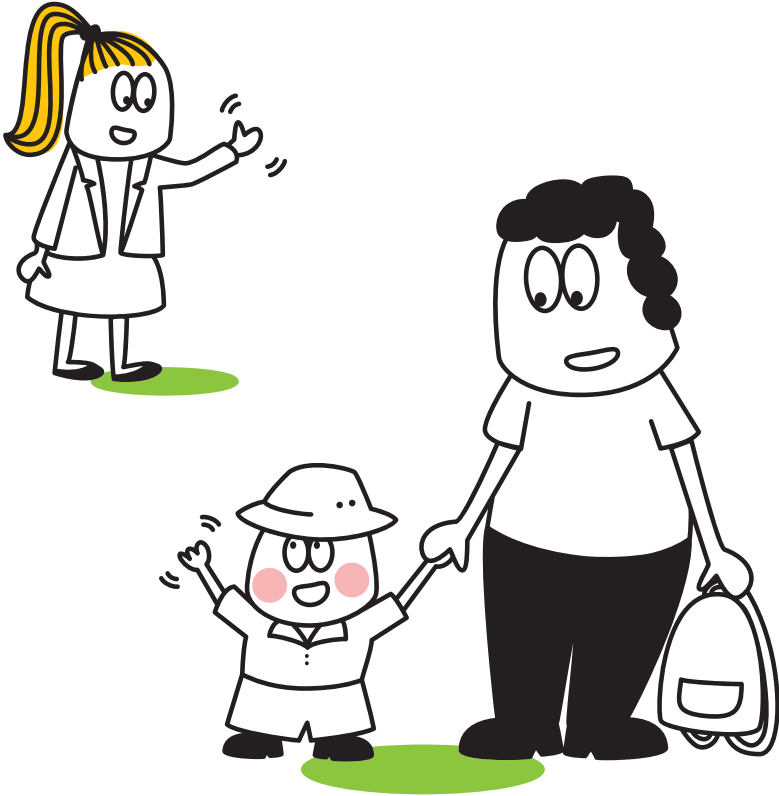


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Tip for families: Help your child look forward to school by letting them choose an exciting new lunchbox, and practise opening and closing it.

Charlie waved goodbye to Mum as she went to the train station, and he and Dad walked to school together. Charlie could see lots of other kids and parents at the school gate.



"There's your teacher, Miss Gonzalez – wave hello, Charlie!" said Dad.

Charlie didn't exactly feel like waving just then.

“He was so excited last night,” said his dad to Miss Gonzalez.

The bell rang, and all the kids lined up their school bags. Everyone waved goodbye to their parents. Charlie’s dad smiled.



“See you after your first big day, kiddo! Mum will get you after school.”



Miss Gonzalez

Abhi



Mustapha

We put up our hands to speak

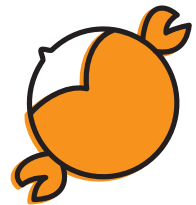
We are kind to each other

We ask others if they
would like to join in

We learn and have fun!



Charlie

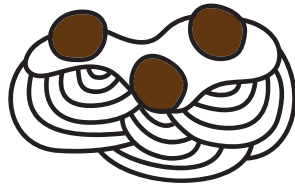
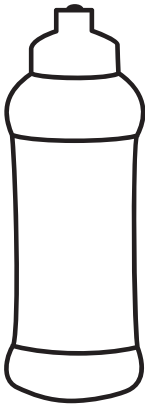
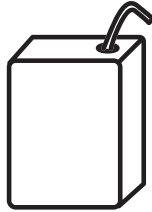
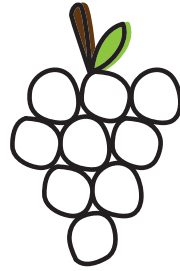
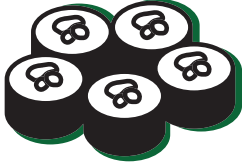
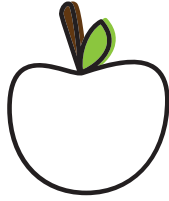


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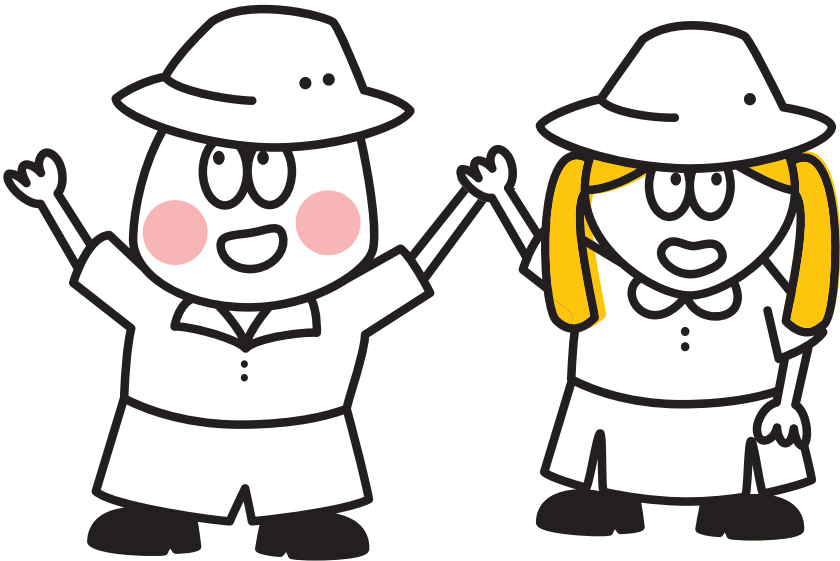


After lunch some older kids came into the classroom, smiling and waving.

"These are your buddies," said Miss Gonzalez.

"Not so long ago they were just starting kindy too!"

Miss Gonzalez asked the big kids to talk about how they felt when they started school.



Tip for families: Discuss the different emotions children feel about starting school.

Happy

Scared

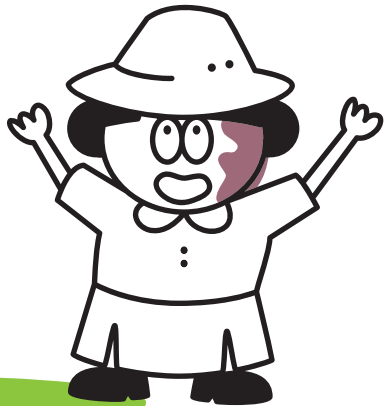
Shy

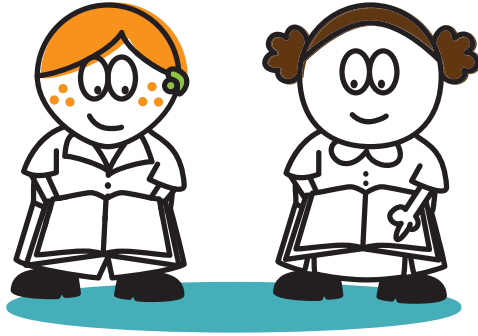
Excited

Curious

“What’s your favourite thing about school?” Charlie asked his buddy, Rayan. The other kids started talking too.

“We get to have fun in the playground with our friends.”





"I can be myself, and people are still friendly."

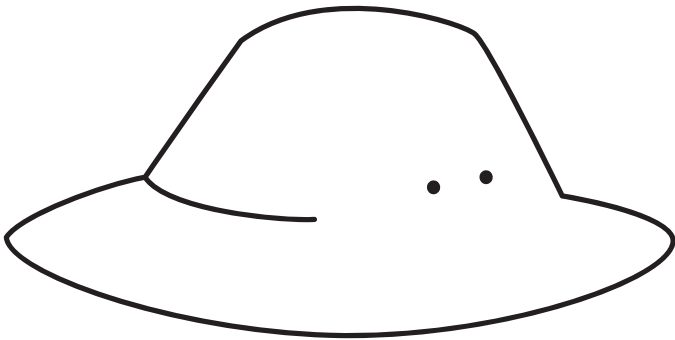


"At school we learn to read and write"

Trace the letters with a pencil

Aa Bb Cc

Fill in the letters underneath



We learn other things too:

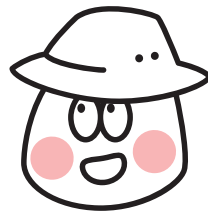
“To be nice to others”

“That everyone likes different things”

“To remember not to lose my things!”

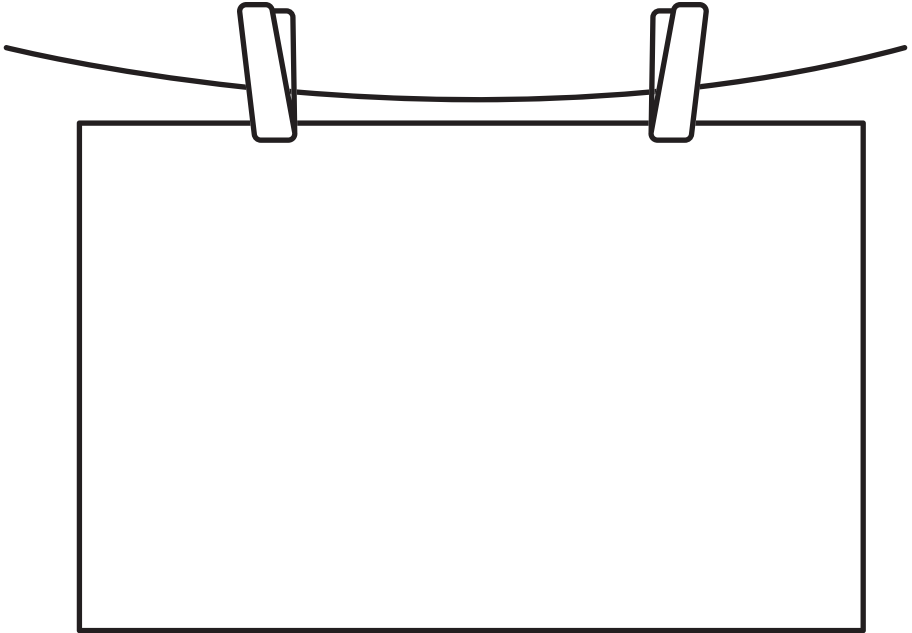
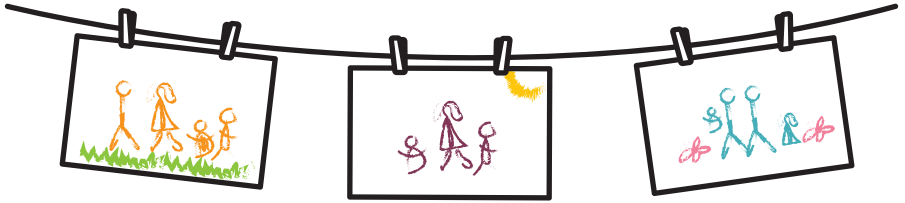
“To share”

What do you want to learn?



Charlie began to smile.

Big school wasn't scary, this was going to be fun!



Draw a picture of your family

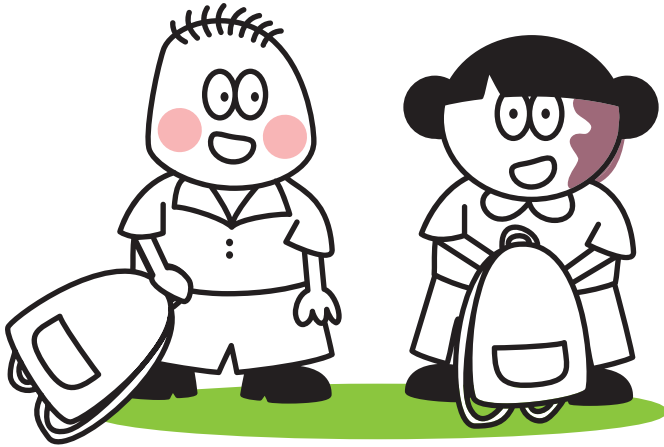


Those kids had a bell that rang for class, a sick bay for kids who got hurt, with lunchboxes and teachers and libraries too!

The bell rang for the end of the day.

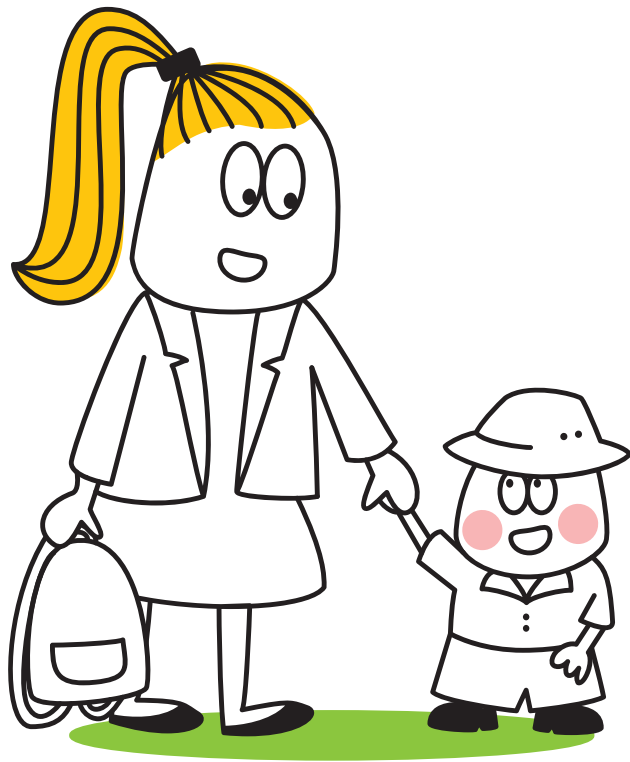
“That went so fast!” said Charlie’s new friend Lira.

Charlie smiled. “Yeah, it did!”



“Hey mum!” said Charlie as he saw her waving at the gates.

“How was your first day? How did you go?”



And he told her all about it.

