

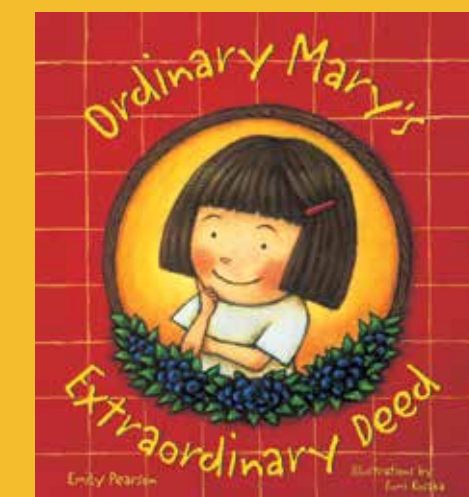
## Ordinary Mary's Positively Extraordinary Day

Can one child's good deed change the whole school? It can if that child is an extraordinarily positive girl named Mary.

Watch what happens when Mary uses kind words on the school bus to defend another child from teasing. Not only does she gain a friend but her good deed quickly multiplies! Bullies change into friends, frowns turn into smiles, doubt changes to confidence, and bad days become good ones.

As kindness spreads on this positively ordinary day, it touches other students, the teachers, the principal, and the lunch lady. Each caring action prompts another one until there are too many to count! Mary never guessed that her first kind deed that day would reach farther than could ever be imagined! Would you?

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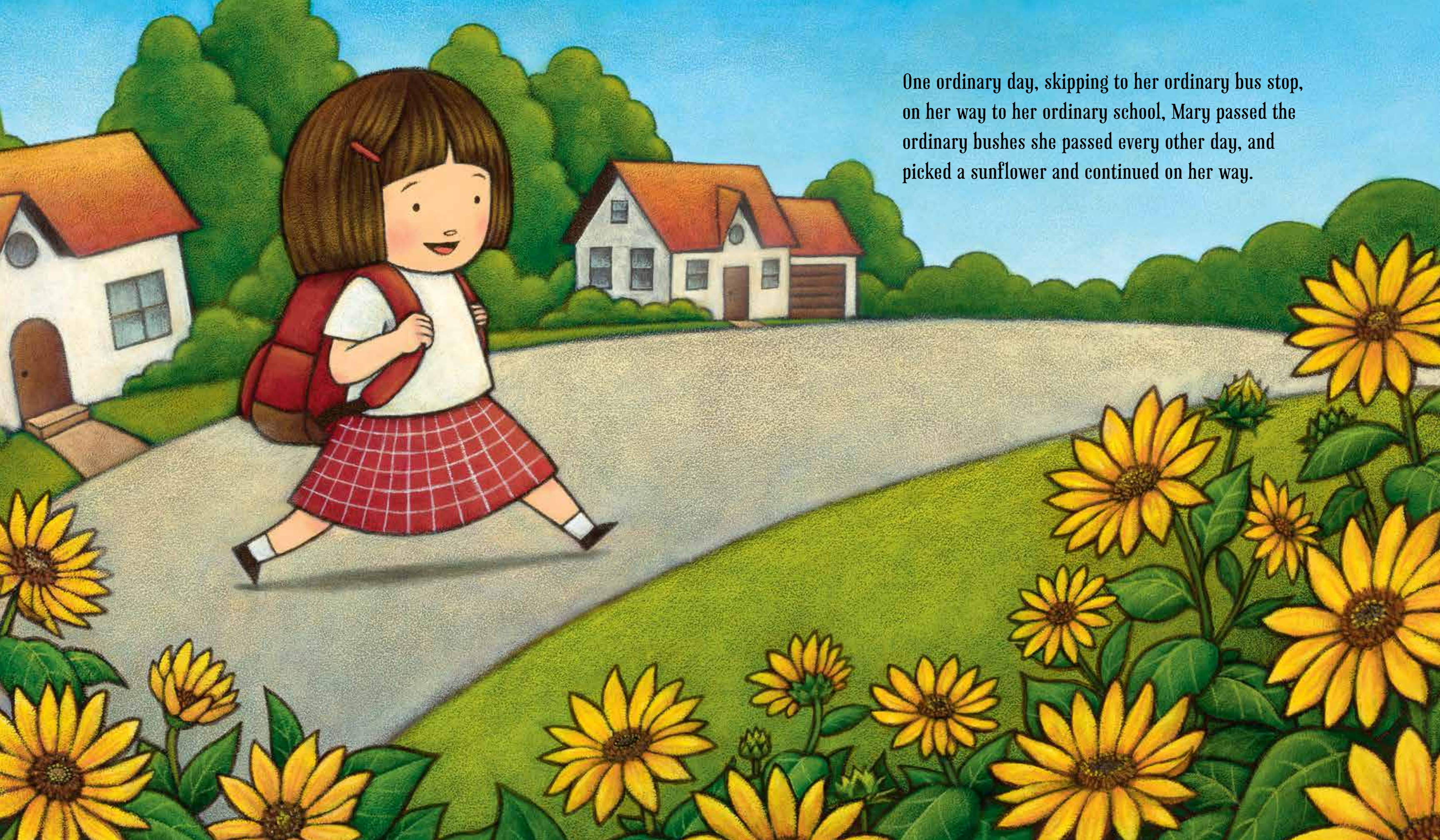
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One ordinary day, skipping to her ordinary bus stop, on her way to her ordinary school, Mary passed the ordinary bushes she passed every other day, and picked a sunflower and continued on her way.



On the bus there was a fuss with a not-very-nice kid named John. He thought it was funny to tease Mia, a girl whose clothes were old and didn't fit quite right.

“Look,” John pointed and laughed.  
“There's a great big hole in your shoe!”



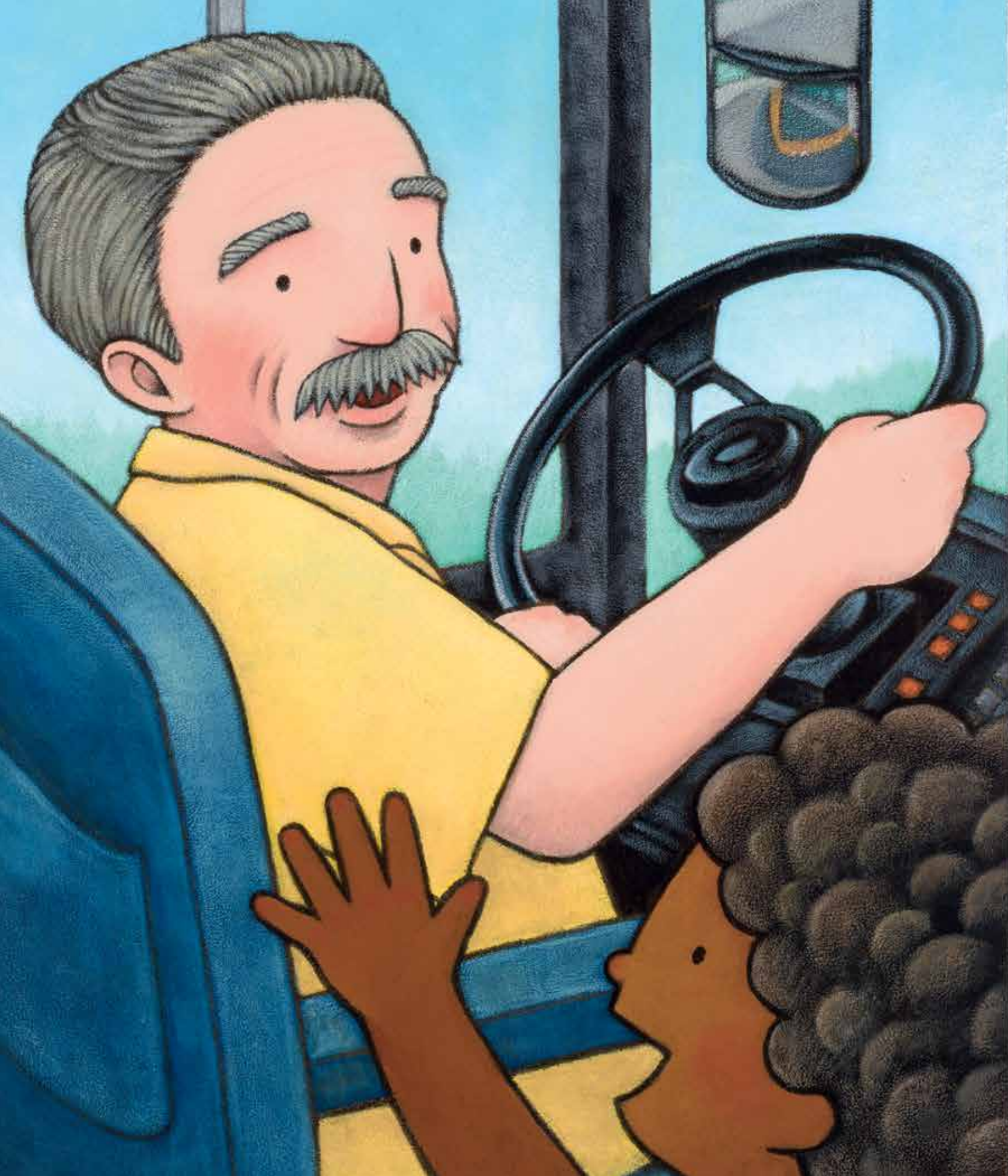
Mary spoke up and said to Mia. “I think you look nice and I really like your hair.” Mary handed Mia the sunflower, and then she smiled at John. “And I like your backpack.”



“Yeah, your backpack is cool,” said Kenji. “And if I could throw a football like you, maybe I'd get picked for a team too.”

John's teasing stopped. And thanks to Mary, every kid on the bus suddenly felt brave. Maybe they too could find a friend to defend and help others have a happier day.





One of those kids was Chris, who, now feeling brave, gave a friendly wave and said “thank you” to Gus, who drove the big bus.

No one had ever thanked Gus before. He was so pleased, that he smiled a smile as wide as a mile and said, “Hey kid, make it a good day.”



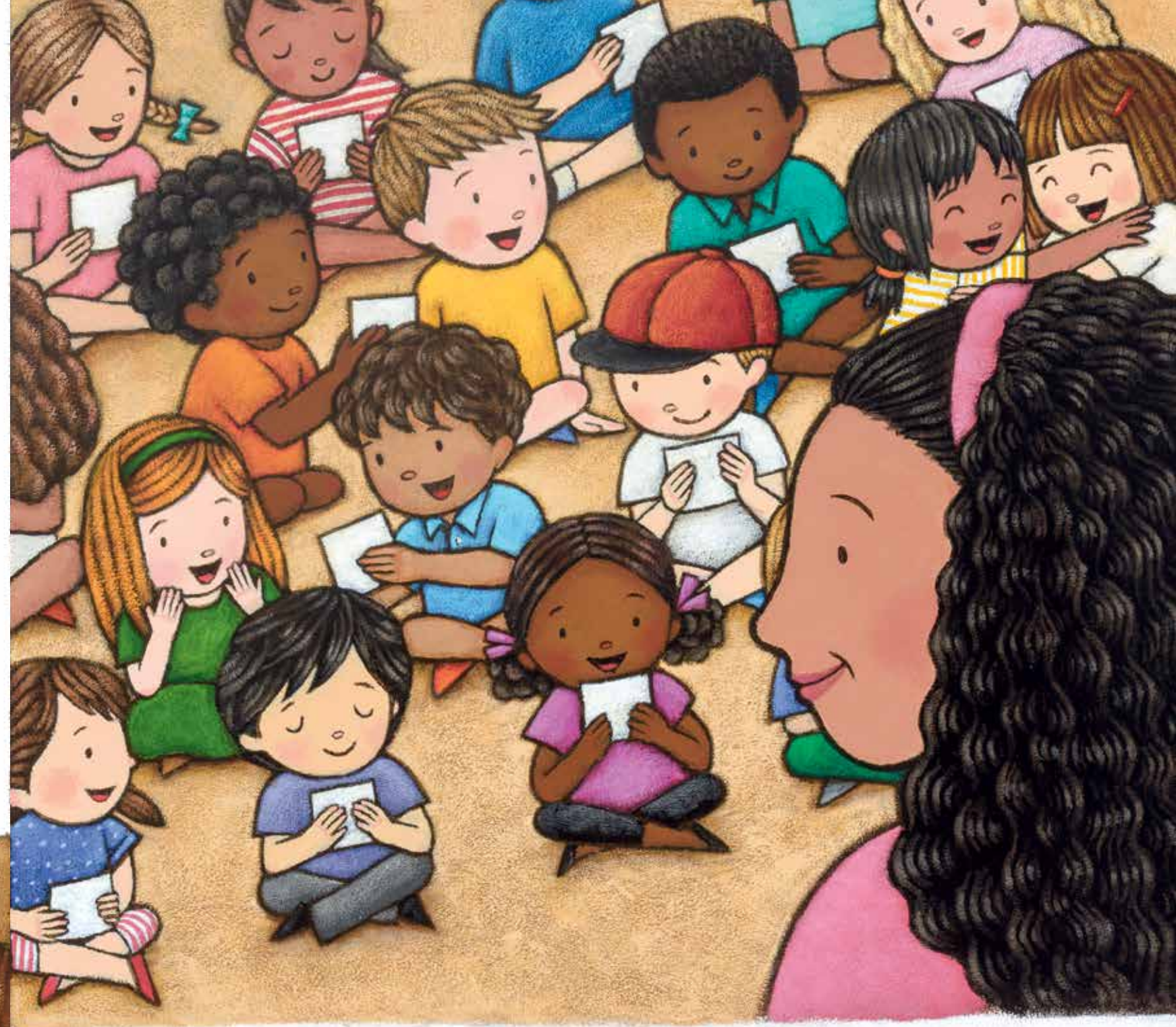
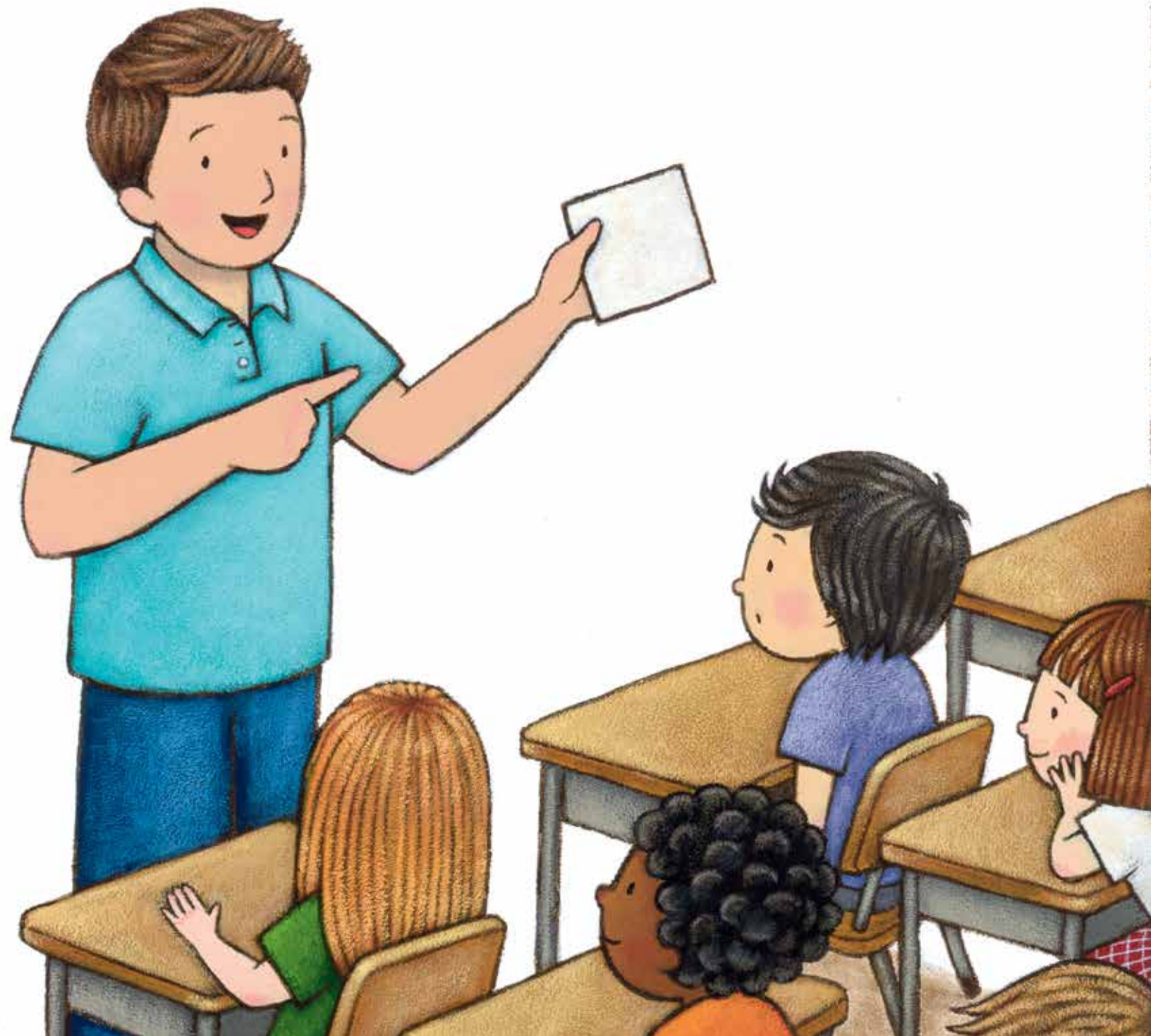
What? A good day is something you can choose? That new thought made Chris so excited he couldn’t wait to help other kids choose a good day too.



Mr. Jenkins noticed too. When he saw the words on Lucia's note, and the difference they made, he had an idea.

Each kid in the class would write a positive note and pass it on to another kid at the assembly that morning.

Oh, how great! The kids couldn't wait!



One by one the kids handed out their notes, and as they did, every heart got happier and every smile got bigger.

The principal, Ms. Thomas, saw the happiness spread and was delighted with what the notes said.





As she left the assembly, Ms. Thomas saw Lucas, Iva, and Noah, each with mischief in their eye. They had all spent time in her office for making other kids cry.

Inspired, she smiled and said, "Our school is filled with kids who are lonely and scared. It would be great if they knew that somebody cared. Would you be willing to lend a hand?"

"Sure," Iva shrugged. "I guess we could try."



So, Ms. Thomas gave them each a special badge. "You're on patrol at recess today as the Kindness Crew. I'm counting on you to make the playground a safe and happy place."

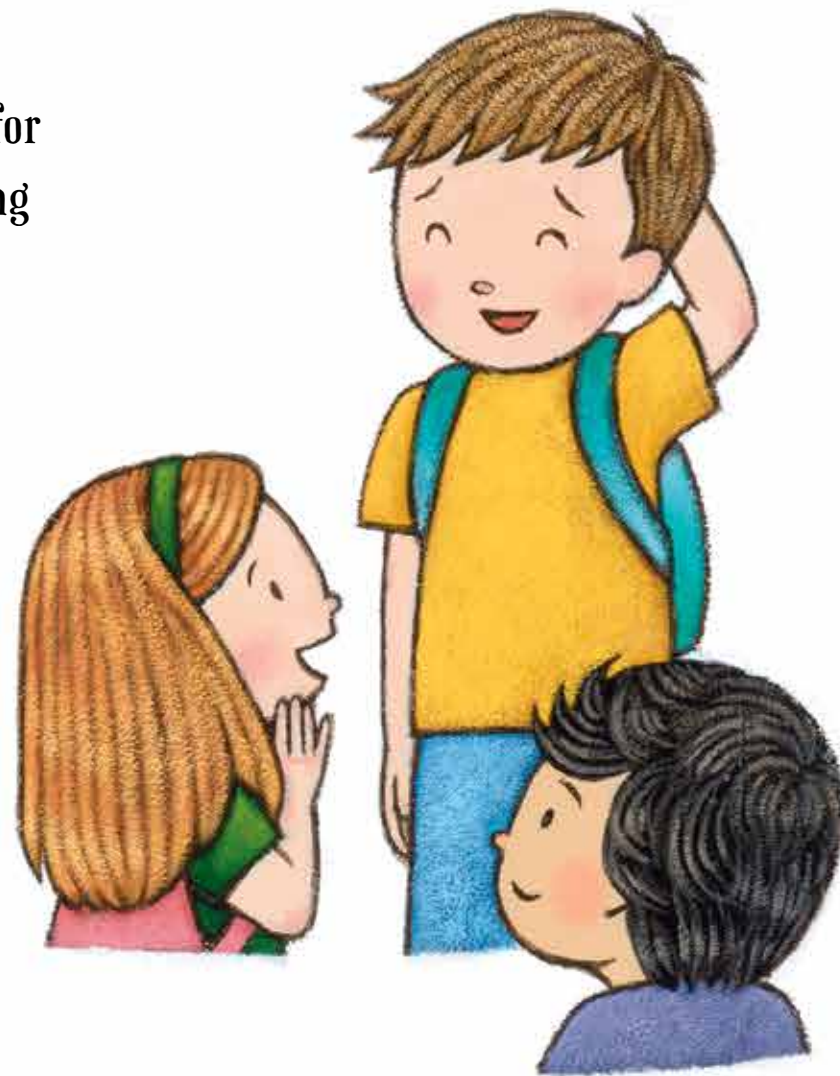


That was the first time those kids left her office walking tall. With heads held high, they joined the other kids in the hall.



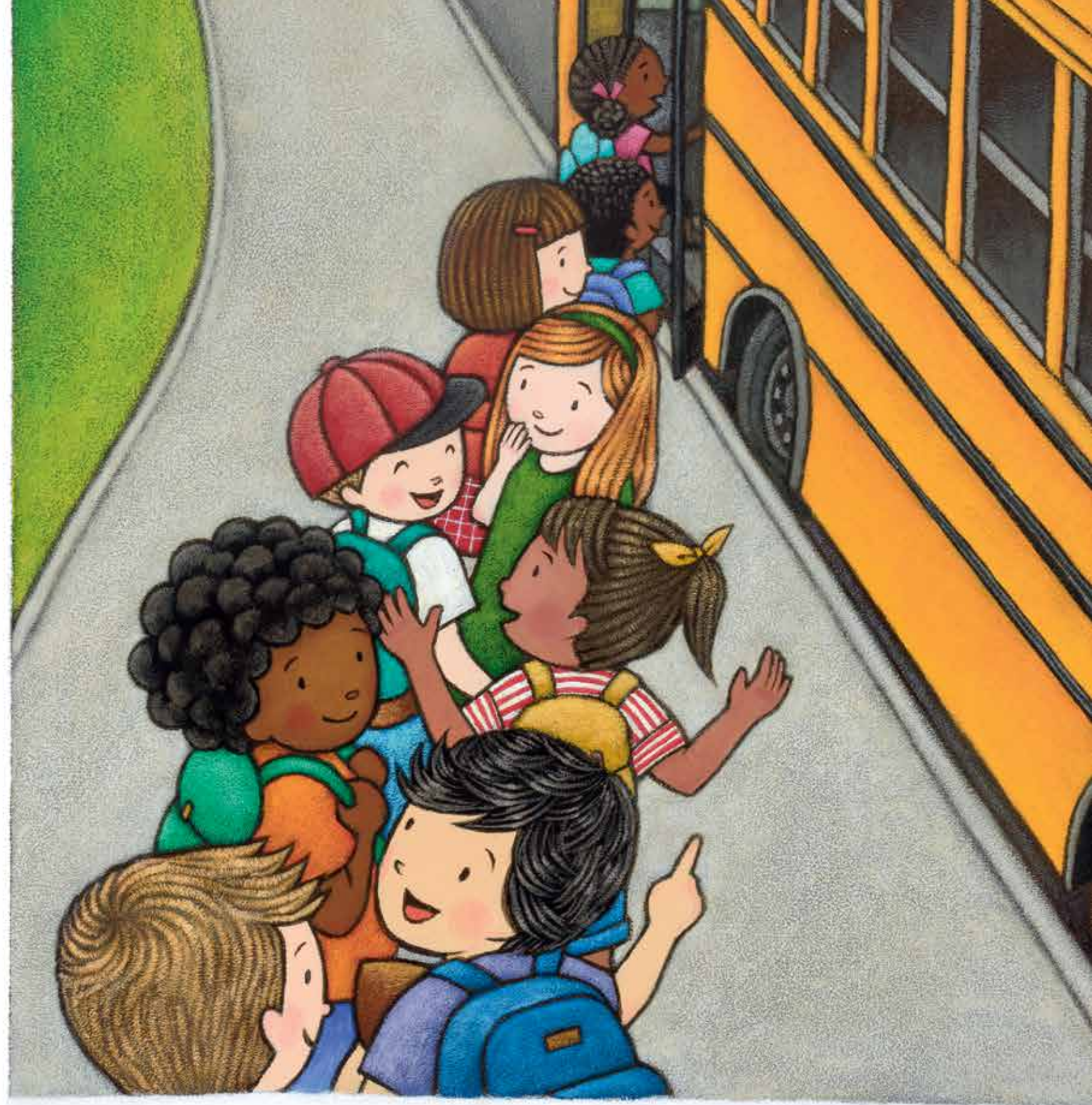
After school, the same kids waited for the same bus, but this day something was different.

“Hey,” John said to Mia.  
“Sorry I was mean this morning. Who cares if there’s a hole in your shoe?”



Then he smiled at Kenji. “You said my backpack was cool—and it has a hole in it too.”

Then John tossed a football to Kenji and taught him how to throw like a pro. Kenji was so happy that he decided to help others feel happy too.



Not one kid was frowning, not one kid was sad. Everyone got on the bus feeling grateful and glad.