

# My First Day at School

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Developed by a team of educational advisers, *Reading and Counting* consists of a narrative and a website.

- The story of David and Olivia prepares the child for his first day at school.
- The website offers educational activities to do with the child to improve his or her French reading, expression and counting skills. It also includes reading suggestions, educational applications and links to websites for 3 to 6 year olds.

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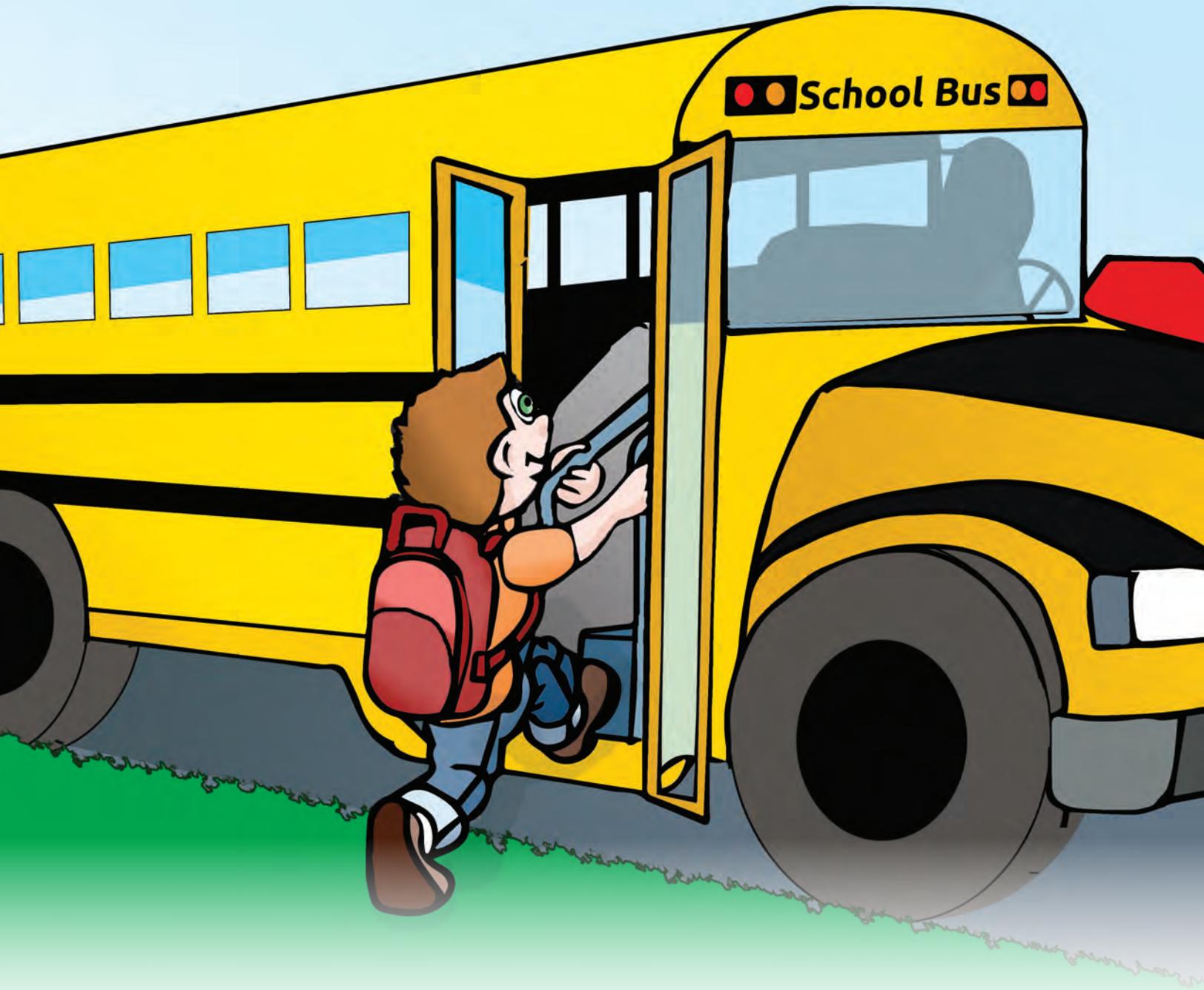


My name is David. Soon it will be my first day at school.

I went there once with my dad. The place was huge!

Now, I am 4 years old. I wonder what my first day at school will be like.

And that's not all! I have my very own lunch box and backpack!



Today, I am going to school. I feel like I have butterflies in my stomach. Mom told me to eat all my breakfast.

"You will need lots of energy, David!"

Is going to school that tiring?

The bus arrives. The bus driver says hello, and I choose to sit near the window.



"Hello! What is your name?"

A tall lady smiles at me as soon as I arrive at school. I am a bit shy. I whisper:

"My name is David."

"Welcome, David! You can put your bag here and go play with the other children."

I go and play.



A bell rings, and the lady who had smiled at me earlier invites us to join her.

"Hello friends! My name is Miss Malika, and I will be your teacher."

Suddenly I hear someone crying. It is a little girl with curly hair.

"Why are you crying?"

"I am looking for my monkey! I think I forgot it in the nursery," she says, sniffing.

I give her a hug. We find her monkey hidden behind her backpack.

"My name is David."

"And I am Olivia! I am 4 years old!"

"I have a monkey just like yours at home, Olivia."

She gives me a big smile.

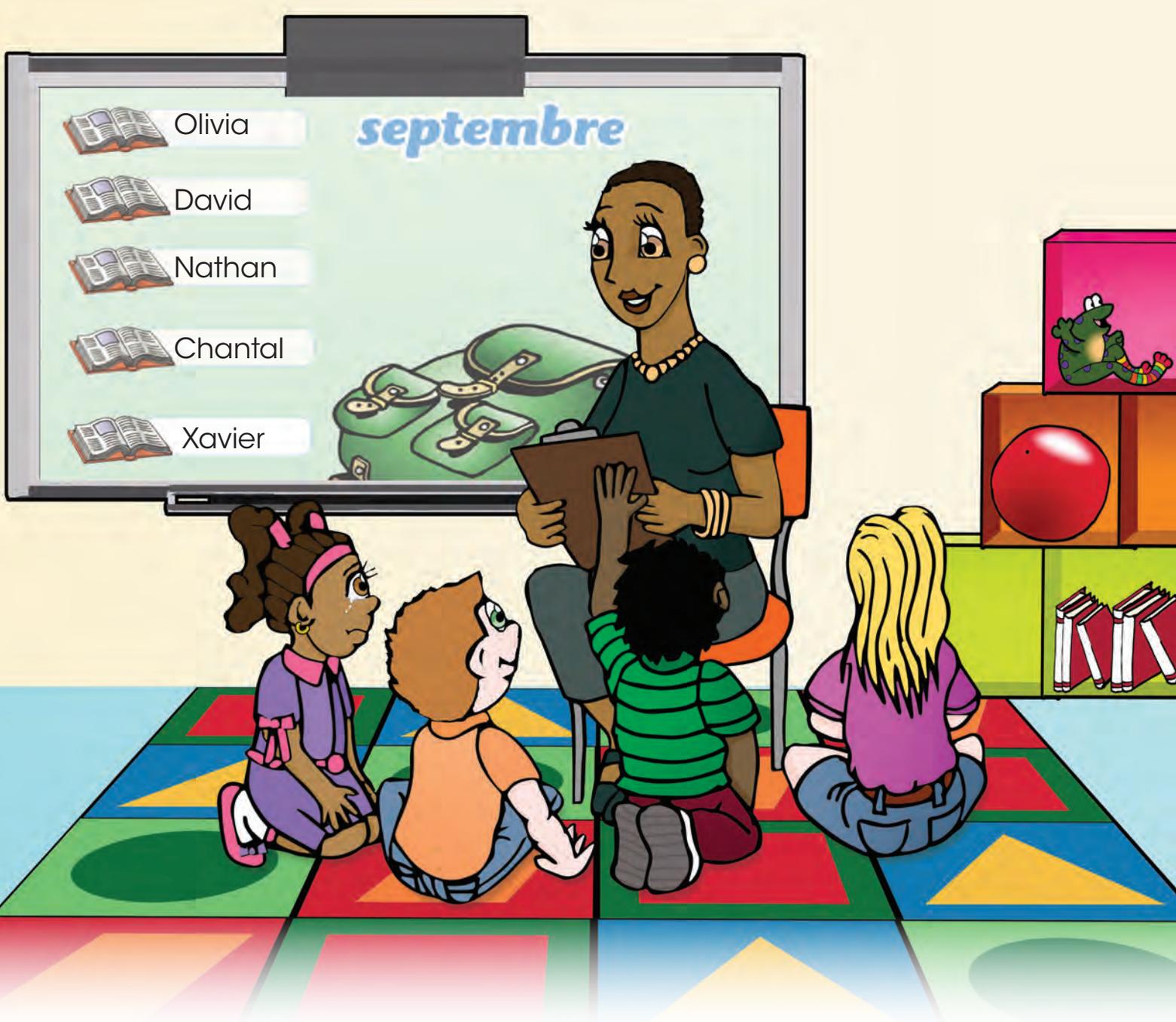


I enter the classroom and meet Miss Jocelyne, who is a teacher aid.

In the cloakroom, I notice there are hooks where we can hang our backpacks. There is a label that says "David."

"Look, Olivia! There is a spot just for me!"

"Me too," says Olivia.



Miss Malika gets us to sit on a huge carpet. She calls the name of each student in the class. There are many! When she calls my name, I proudly say:

"Hello, Miss Malika!"

Then I notice that Olivia is crying. I whisper:

"Why are you crying?"

Olivia replies:

"I miss my home."

I hold her hand.



Now it is snack time. I choose an apple, and so does Olivia.

"We are the same!"

Then we go outside, near the large play structure. I'm so happy I can climb right to the top!



There are plenty of fun places to discover in the classroom. I chose the arts corner because I want to play dress-up. So does Olivia. Everyone is having lots of fun!

After a few minutes, Miss Malika asks us to go to another play area. I hold Olivia's hand so that she won't get lost.



A little later, I meet Mr. Chan, the gym teacher. He has a funny laugh. He takes us to the gym, where we run around and play with balls and hoops. Olivia loves the hoops.



It is lunchtime. I am hungry! So is Olivia.

I notice that Olivia has a sandwich just like mine in her lunch box.

Our parents must definitely shop at the same grocery store.

Miss Malika then puts on some quiet music. Olivia is tired and falls asleep right away.

I decide to look at a book. But don't ask me to tell you what the story was about ...



It is music time! Everyone sings and makes funny moves.

"Look, David! I am an elephant," says Olivia.

"And I am a superhero!"



Next, Miss Malika tells us a story about wolves and pigs. I mimic the voice of the wolf:

"I am going to huff and puff so hard . . ."

Olivia thinks I am very funny.

Miss Malika then tells us that the school day is over. Olivia is in tears because she does not want to leave.

I hold her hand all the way to the cloakroom. I can't wait to talk to Mom and Dad about my first day at school!



When I get home, my parents are waiting for me at the bus stop. They ask me a lot of questions at supper time.

"What did you do today, David?"

I think about it for a while.

"I played with my new friends."

Phew! Going to school is exhausting!

I am already looking forward to tomorrow.



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