

## CECILLES



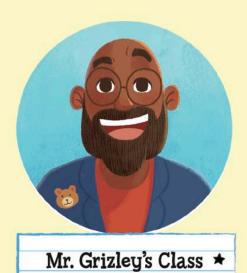
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**Dmitry Orloff** 



Camila Jennings



Madison Tanaka



Annie Barberra



**Bobby Lewis** 



## CHAPTER 1

## A Sad Start

The bell rang and Cecilia groaned.

"Oh no," she said.

"What's wrong?" her friend Semira asked.

"I forgot my tamales," Cecilia said.

"For the fundraiser?" Semira asked.

Cecilia nodded.

"Now I can't help raise money for the animal shelter," she said.

Their teacher, Mr. Grizley, rang the small bell on his desk.

"Time for our morning check-in," Mr. Grizley said.





Cecilia pulled a stack of small cards out of her desk. Each card had a different emotion on it.

Excited. Angry. Happy. Sad.



Cecilia put the sad card on her desk. Then she took three deep breaths.

Mr. Grizley walked around the classroom. He stopped at Cecilia's desk and looked at her sad card.

"Can I help?" he asked.

"I don't know," Cecilia said.

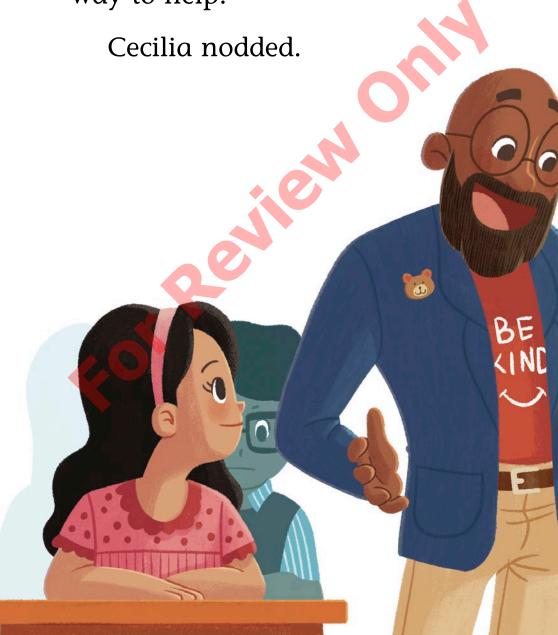
"She forgot her tamales for the fundraiser," Semira explained.

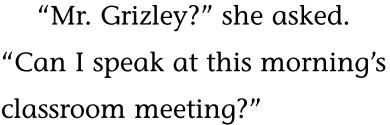
"I really wanted to help the animals," Cecilia said.

Mr. Grizley smiled.



"The fundraiser isn't until this afternoon," he said. "You still have time to come up with a way to help."





"Sure thing, Cecilia!" said Mr. Grizley.