First Day of School

Let's Read

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Tutu wakes up at 7:00. It is the first day of school! But he is already late.
Tutu runs to the bathroom quickly, brushes his teeth, and showers.
Next, Tutu hurries to get dressed. But his shirt is too short! And his pants are too long. 'Tutu! It's time to get up for your first day of school!'
Even his shoes are too small. And his yellow backpack is too heavy! It is already 7:30. Time to go!
Tutu is surprised that he is alone on the path to school. Where are his neighbors, Teytey and Pipi? They must be at school already. He is very late!
Suddenly, a puppy begins to chase him. Tutu runs away and gets very sweaty.
Then it rains. Tutu gets wet and slips on the ground. His clothes get very dirty. So far, it is a terrible first day of school.
When he finally reaches the school, no other students are there! A man walking by says the school is closed. Tutu is very confused!
Suddenly, Tutu hears his mother’s voice.
'No, mom. School is still closed,' Tutu murmurs with his eyes closed.
'Open your eyes, silly! You are having a dream,' she says.
Tutu drags himself to the bathroom. He takes his time brushing his teeth and taking a shower.
After that, Tutu gets dressed. His shirt fits well. His pants fit well. His shoes fit well. And his yellow backpack feels just right.
Mom gives him a snack and says, ‘It is time to go, I will see you this afternoon.’
Tutu looks out the window and sees a lot of students walking to school. ‘This really is the first day of school!’ he shouts. When he gets outside, he sees his friends Teytey and Pipi. They all walk to school together.
Along the way, he sees a puppy, but it does not chase him. Tutu walks along happily under the clear, sunny sky.
When he arrives at school, the teacher is already waiting in front of the class. Tutu and other students greet her. ‘Good morning, teacher!’
At recess, Tutu plays with his friends in the yard. So far, it is a wonderful first day of school!
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