

# Friends at School

Cycle 5 Decodable  
Student Reader



Today is the first day of school. "Are you ready for school?" asks Dad. Sam is unsure. "What if none of my friends are in my class? What if I do not know anybody?" Sam says.

"You will meet new friends!"  
says Dad. "Eat your oatmeal.  
Then we will walk to school."  
Sam eats his oats. Then Sam  
and Dad walk to school.

Sam slowly walks into his new class. He looks around for friends that he knows. "Hi, Sam! I am Mr. Moats. I will be your teacher this year."



"Follow me to your new desk," says Mr. Moats. Sam follows him. Then he sees Nell! Nell has been his friend for a long time.



Sam smiles at Nell as he sits at his desk. It looks like Nell has grown taller over the summer. Then he feels somebody tap his elbow.

"Hi! Can I borrow a pen? None of mine are in my bag," says a boy sitting behind Sam. "Sure! You can borrow this one," says Sam. He hands the boy a pen.

"Thanks! My name is Owen.  
I am new in this school." "My  
name is Sam," says Sam.  
"I will show you around. I will  
help you meet new friends."



Dad was right. Sam has an old friend in his class. And now he has a new friend, too! He will show Owen around school. He is sure he will like his new class.

## New Principal and New School Year at Sunnyside Elementary

*By Nina Newsnose*

Summer vacation officially came to an end today. Sunnyside Elementary opened its doors to over 600 students on the first day of school. Students were welcomed by new principal, Noah Pack.

When asked if she is excited about the first day of school, Pre-kindergarten student, Patricia, said enthusiastically, "Yes! I have a new backpack!"

Her older brother, James, was also enthusiastic. When asked what excited him most, he replied, "My teacher gave me a list of books to read over the summer. I read every single one! I'm ready to start reading chapter books this year."

Principal Pack also has high hopes for his first year at Sunnyside. "I look forward to meeting all of the wonderful students and families this week. Together, we will work to make Sunnyside Elementary the best school it can be."

