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Substitute Meany

By Kelly Hashway

Jacob walked into school with a smile on his face.

He loved Fridays.

“Hey,” Michael said, walking up alongside him. “I heard you have a substitute today.”

“Who is it?” Jacob asked, hoping for Mr. Smith, the nicest substitute at school. The students all referred to him as Mr. Smiley.

“Mr. Meany,” Michael said.

Jacob gulped. If the students had nicknamed the substitute Mr. Meany, he must be awful!

“See ya!” Michael patted Jacob on the back and turned into his classroom.

Jacob slowed his pace, imagining a monster of a substitute teacher. He probably had big bushy eyebrows that slanted downward when he scowled at the students. And his voice! Jacob imagined it to be a booming voice that shook the classroom walls. Jacob shivered.

“You ready for Mr. Meany?” Cassie asked, meeting Jacob at the classroom door.

Jacob gulped and stopped in the doorway. The bell rang, and Jacob heard footsteps coming toward him. Loud, scary footsteps.

“Are you in this class, young man?”

Jacob kept his head lowered and said, “Um...yes.”

“Please find your seat then.”



Jacob finally looked up when he heard the word “please.” Someone mean wouldn’t be so polite, would they?

“Is something wrong?” Mr. Meany asked.

Jacob just stared. Mr. Meany didn’t have a booming voice or bushy, slanted eyebrows.

“Are you Mr. Meany?”

The man nodded and smiled. “I see the name fooled you.”

“I thought...” Jacob wasn’t sure he should tell Mr. Meany how the students gave the substitute teachers nicknames.

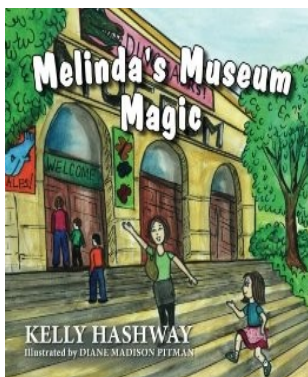
“That I got my name because I’m mean?” Mr. Meany laughed. “I get that a lot.” He leaned down and whispered, “Why don’t you take your seat and give me a chance to show you I’m not mean at all?”

Jacob nodded and walked to his seat. The morning passed quickly, mostly because Mr. Meany was a lot of fun. Jacob didn’t even mind taking his math test because Mr. Meany did a cheer at the front of the room before the test and made everyone laugh.

When it was lunchtime, Jacob stood and walked up to Mr. Meany. “See you after lunch, Mr. Not-a-Meany,” Jacob said with a smile.

Mr. Meany smiled back.

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3. Name one thing Mr. Meany did that made Jacob change his mind about him.

One thing Mr. Meany did that made Jacob change his mind about him was that he did a little cheer before giving out the math test and made everyone laugh.
(Answers will vary.)

4. What did Jacob say to let the reader know he felt different about Mr. Meany at the end of the story than he did at the beginning.

The reader knows Jacob feels differently about him and no longer thinks Mr. Meany is mean because in the end he calls him Mr. Not-a-Meany.

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