

## Another School

It had been a wonderful summer for the wood family. They had gone swimming and boating at the lake next to them. They had taken walks, traveled out of town and eaten ice cream. But now, summer was just about over. There was a nip in the air. The birds were beginning to fly south, and the leaves on the front yard tree were beginning to change color. One evening at supper, Xavier said, "I'm getting tired of summer vacation. I think I'm ready to go back to school!" "That is good news," said his YaYa. Arianna the big sister, made an ugly face when he said the word school. The mom noticed. "As a matter of fact," she said, "Arianna and I are going to meet her new sixth grade teacher tomorrow."

This year Arianna will be starting middle school. Arianna wasn't quite sure how she felt about it. She liked only doing two classes in 5<sup>th</sup> grade. She liked having recess everyday. She liked going to daycare with all of her friends. "What will sixth grade be like mommy? She asked at bedtime. "You'll find out tomorrow" said mommy as she tucked Arianna into bed and kissed her good night.

The next day, Mommy and Arianna packed a lunch and took the long walk down the winding dirt road to meet the teachers at the school. "Hello there!" said Mrs. Higgins in a loud, jolly voice. "Come right in and look around!" Arianna thought Mrs. Higgins voice was a little scary but she let Mrs. Higgins take her by the hand into one of the sixth-grade rooms. What a big friendly room! It had yellow curtains and desk and chairs that looked just right. But when the next big morning came, Arianna got herself all worried again thinking about having to go to the class for the full day. "Mommy!" she said. "What if I don't like school?" Just then the big yellow school bus pulled up to the house. "Stop worrying!" said Xavier "school is fun. You'll love it. Now let's get going or we will miss the bus!" He grabbed her hand and away they went. Arianna had a whole bunch of fun, she helped build a block city, she made a giant clay doughnut, and she read a bunch of books. When she climbed off the bus with Xavier at the end of the day she was the most excited one. The next day she could not wait to get back on that big yellow bus and go back to school with all her friends.