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For everyone who stays true to themselves. Especially Calder, who leads by example—IH & SH

To OC and all of the residents of Sunset Sea. Especially Bob—CC

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Jacob and Sophie were so excited about the class play! Ms. Reeves had helped each kid pick their part. Now the classroom buzzed as everyone worked on costumes and sets.







"I'm going to build the tractor engine," said Jacob.
"And I'll get the wagon ready!" said Sophie.

“Emily, who are you in the play?” asked Jacob.

“She’s the cow,” interrupted Noah. “See her tail?”
Emily held a string of pom-poms.



Jacob looked at Noah, “You’re the sheep, right?”

“The ram!” yelled Noah.

“Isn’t a ram just a sheep?” asked Jacob.

“A ram’s a boy sheep,” said Emily. “See his horns?”



Across the table, Ari painted big, blue swirls.

"Who are you in the play?" asked Jacob.

