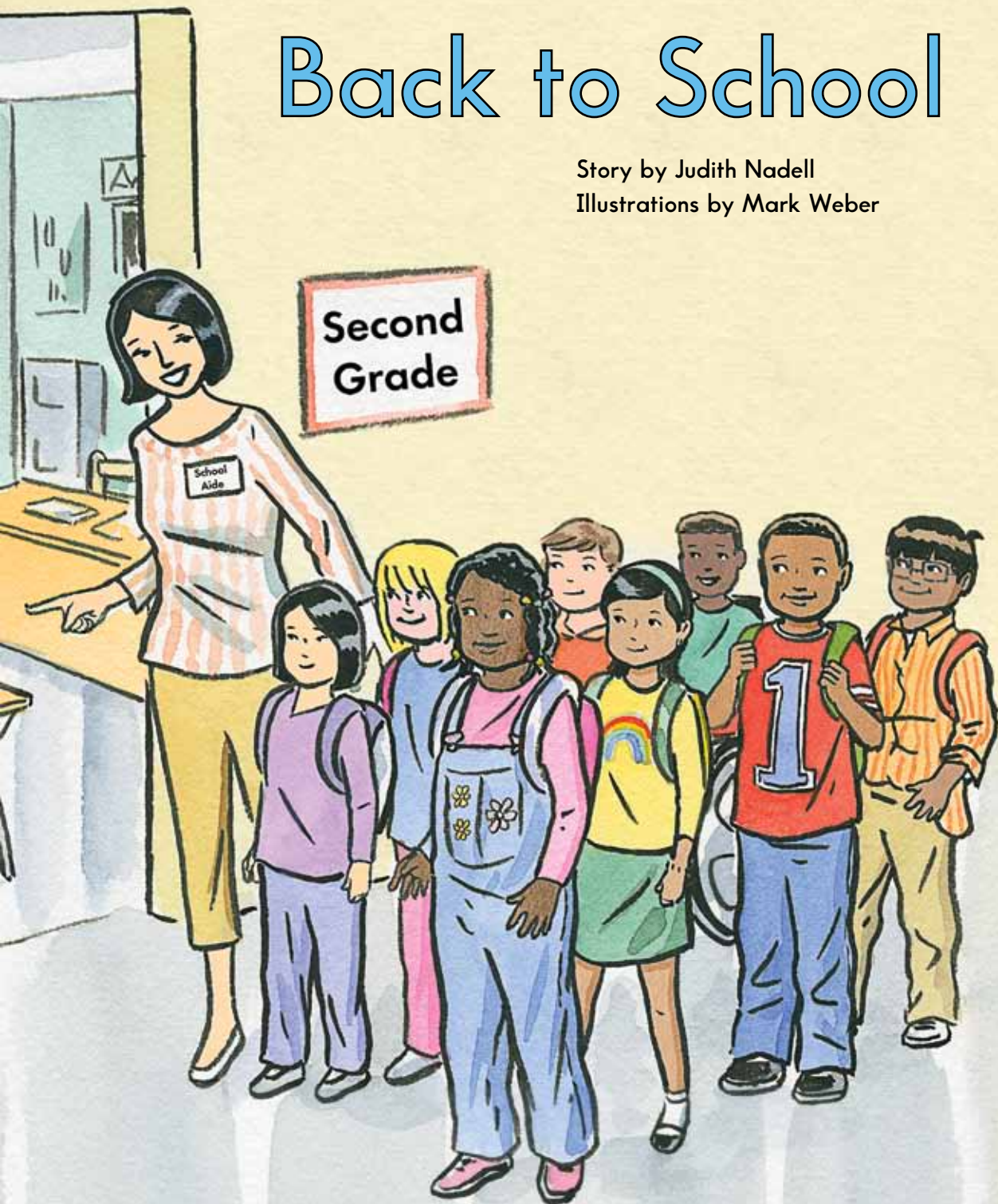


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Welcome to  
2nd Grade!

It was the night before  
the first day of school.

“I’m excited about second grade,”  
said Victor.

“But I’m nervous, too.  
What if I don’t know anyone  
in my class?”

“Don’t worry,” replied Mom.

“You’ll make new friends!”





At her home,  
Kendra also was  
getting ready for bed.

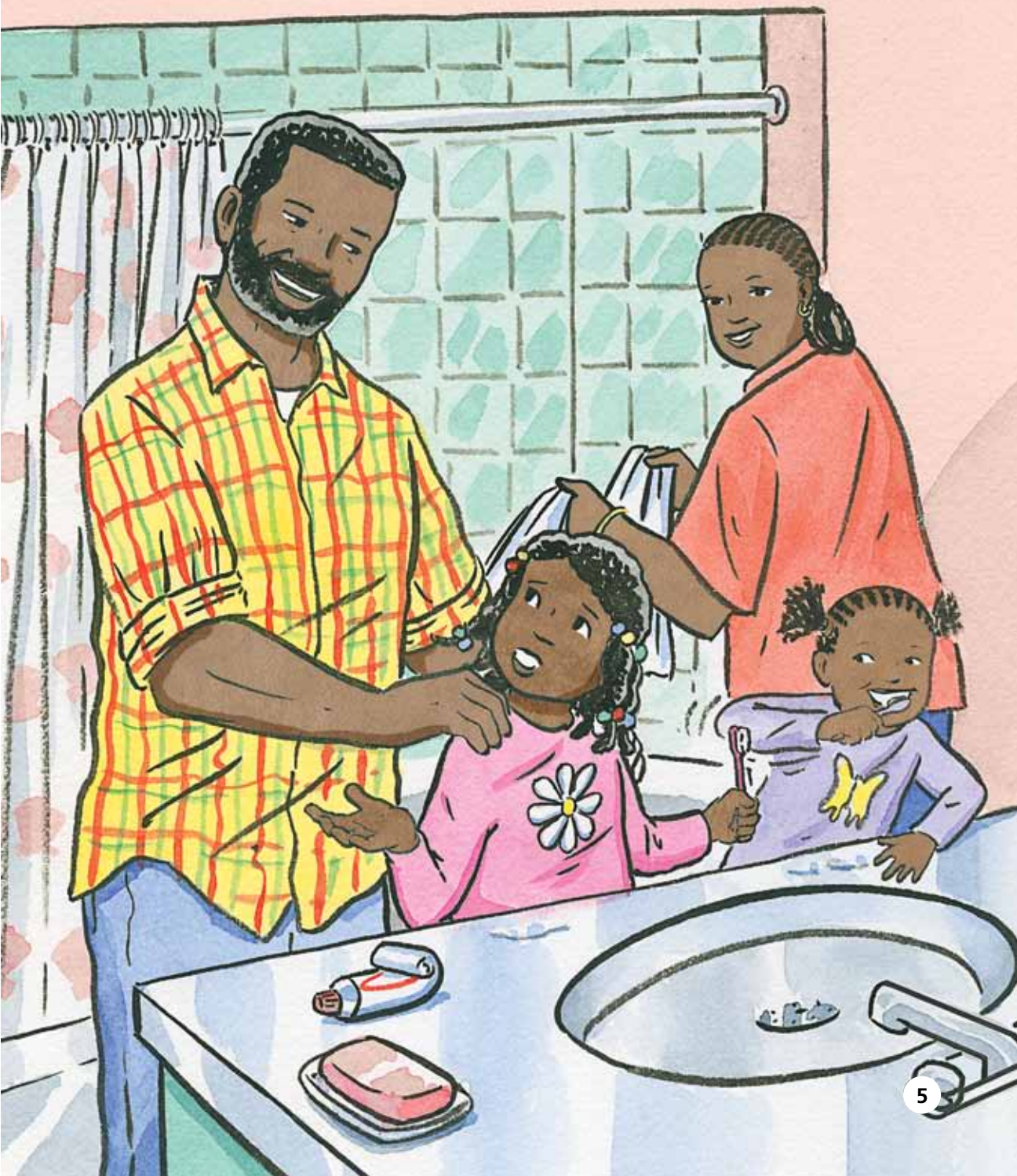
“I’m nervous,” she said.

“What if I can’t find  
my classroom?”

“You’ll be okay,” replied Dad.

“People will be there  
to help you.”





The next morning,  
Jasmin was getting ready  
for school.

“I wonder who my teacher  
is going to be,”  
she said.

“I wish I could have  
Mrs. Hall again.”

“She was a **great** teacher,”  
replied Mommy.

“But I bet your new teacher  
will be great, too.”







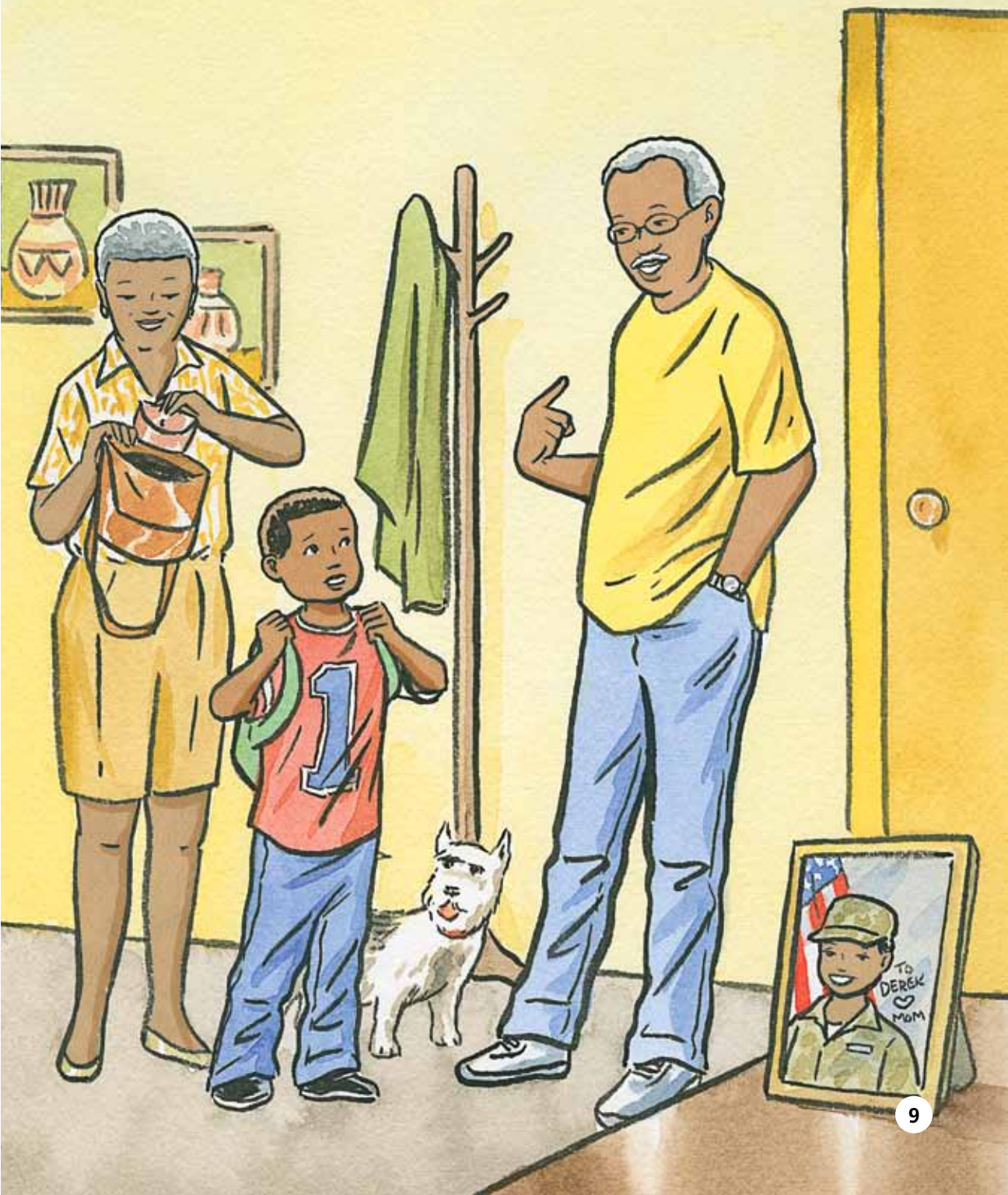
At his home,  
Derek also was  
getting ready.

“I’m excited to start  
second grade,”  
he said.

“But what if the work  
is too hard?”

“Your teacher will help you,”  
replied Grandpa.

“And we will, too.”





A little while later,  
the children got to school.  
They were excited  
to see each other.





Even better, they found out  
they were in the same class!

Now Victor felt less nervous.



A teacher's helper led them  
to their new classroom.

It was right next door  
to their old one!

Now Kendra felt less nervous.

The children sat down  
and waited for their teacher.

Just then, Mrs. Hall walked in.  
“Hello, children!”





“We’re very happy to see you!”

Jasmin said.

“But aren’t your first graders  
waiting next door?”



“Well, no,” replied Mrs. Hall.

“A second grade teacher left to  
have a baby. So . . .”





“... I’m moving up to second grade, too!”

Now Jasmin and Derek felt much less nervous.

With Mrs. Hall as their teacher, **everyone** would have a great year!





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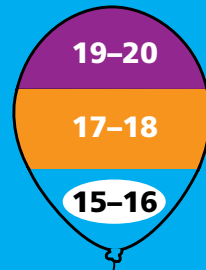
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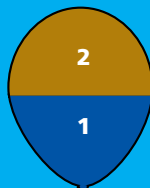
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