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Dedicated to my children
Jordan and Avery,
who inspired this book
and every day of my life.



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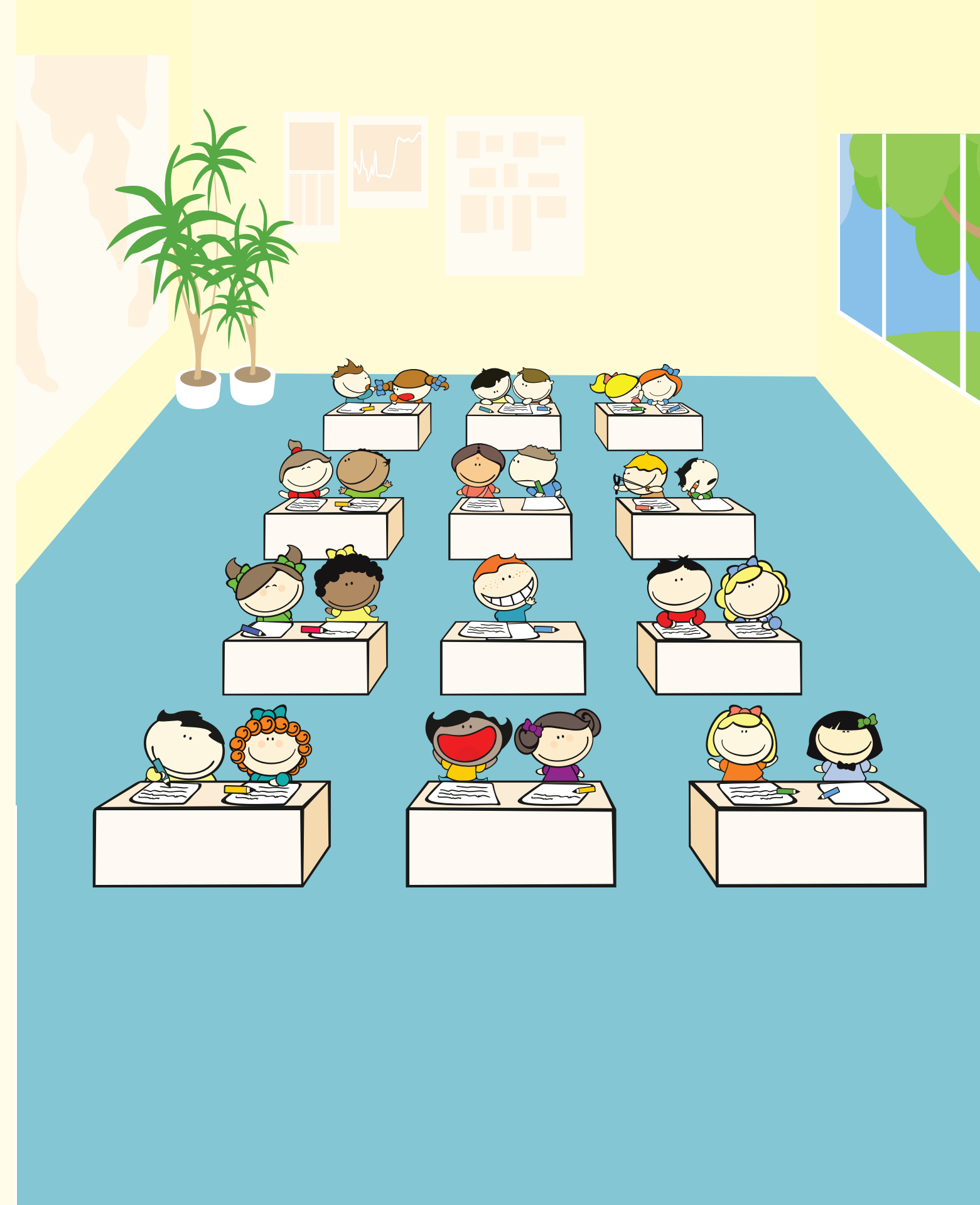
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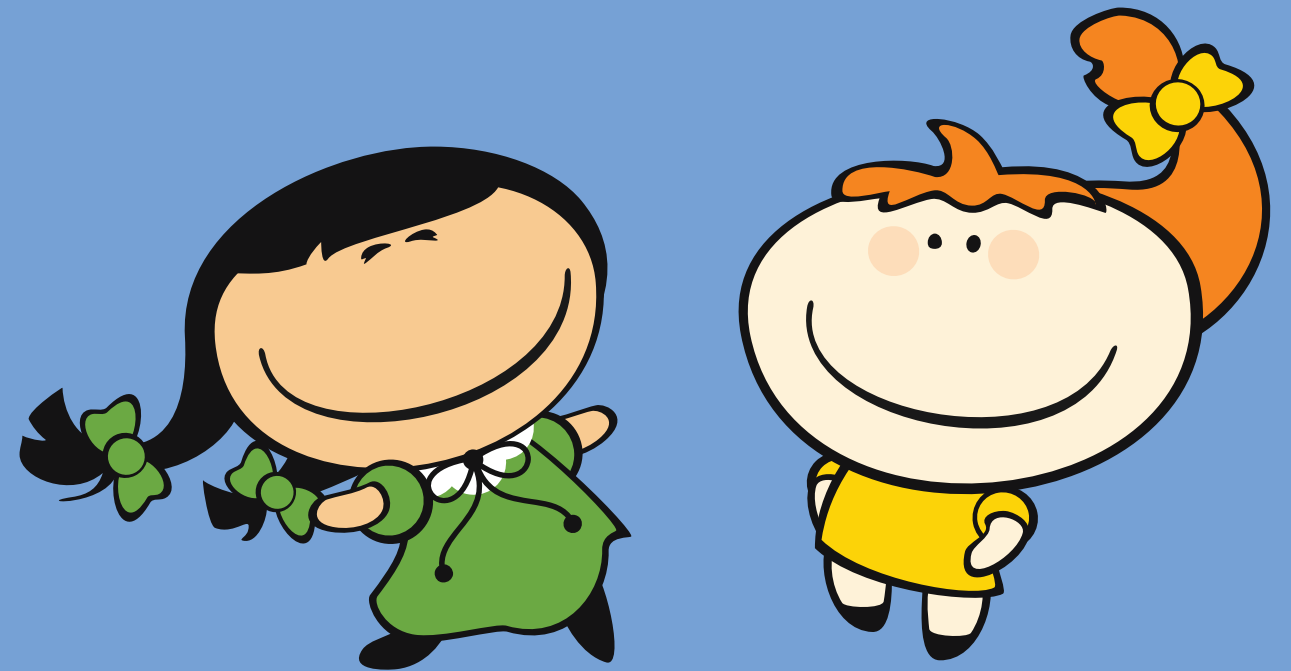
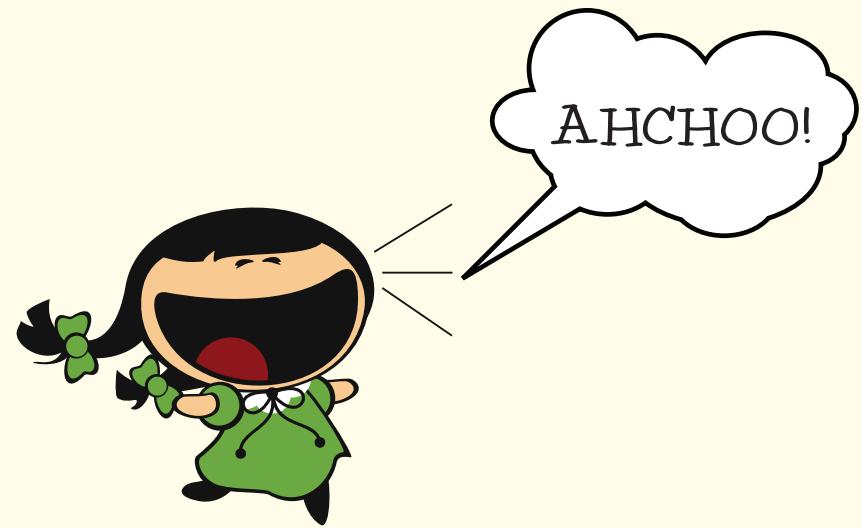
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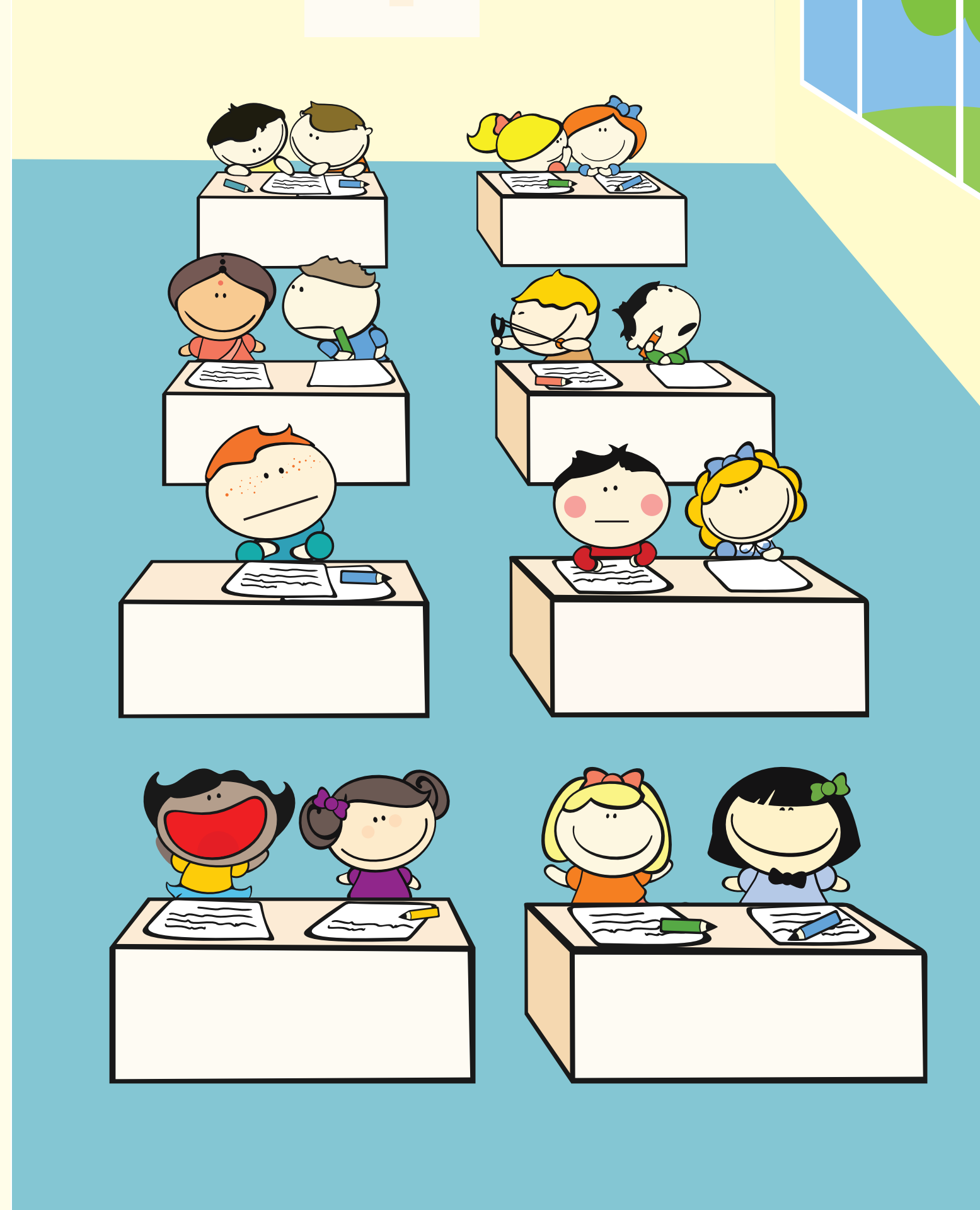
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The day started off as a usual day,
Until someone forgot the special words to say.
The teacher says it; the grownups do too.
All of the children say it right after "AHCHOO!"





“AHCHOO!”, shouted a classmate,
Then got red in the cheeks.
He hoped Bobby would say them,
But he never did speak.

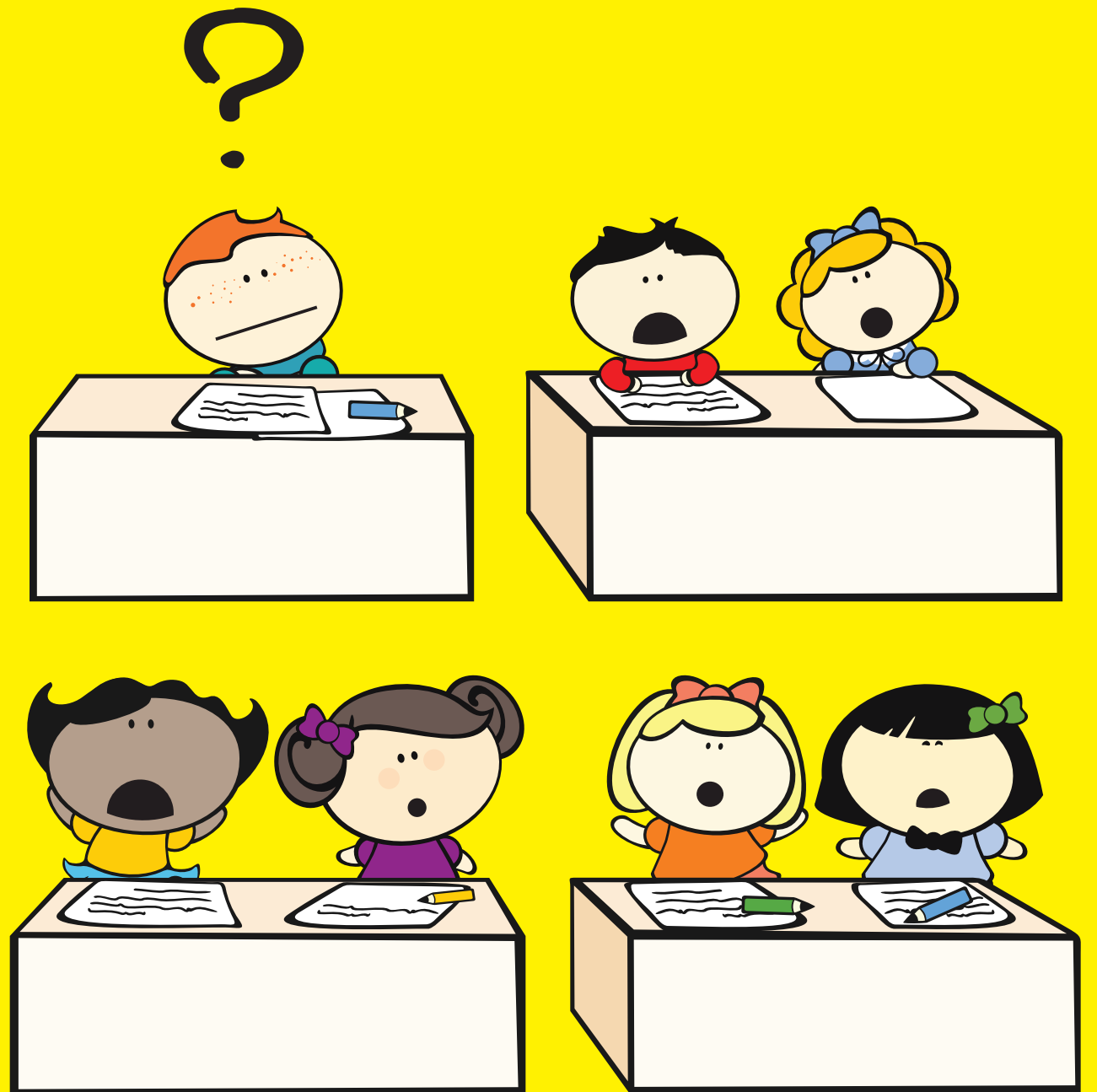


The class was in shock.

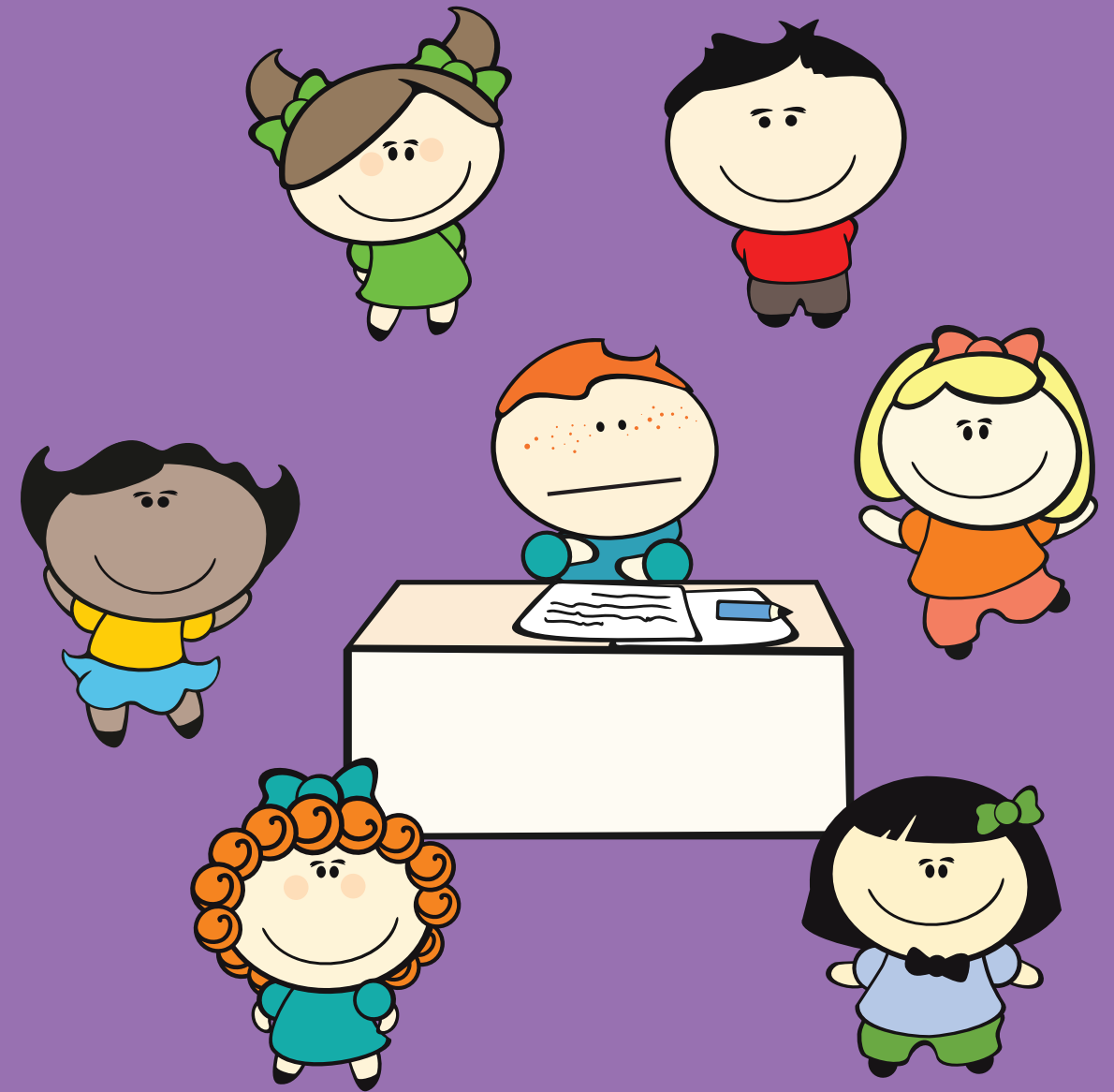
The teacher was too.

Who dared not say anything

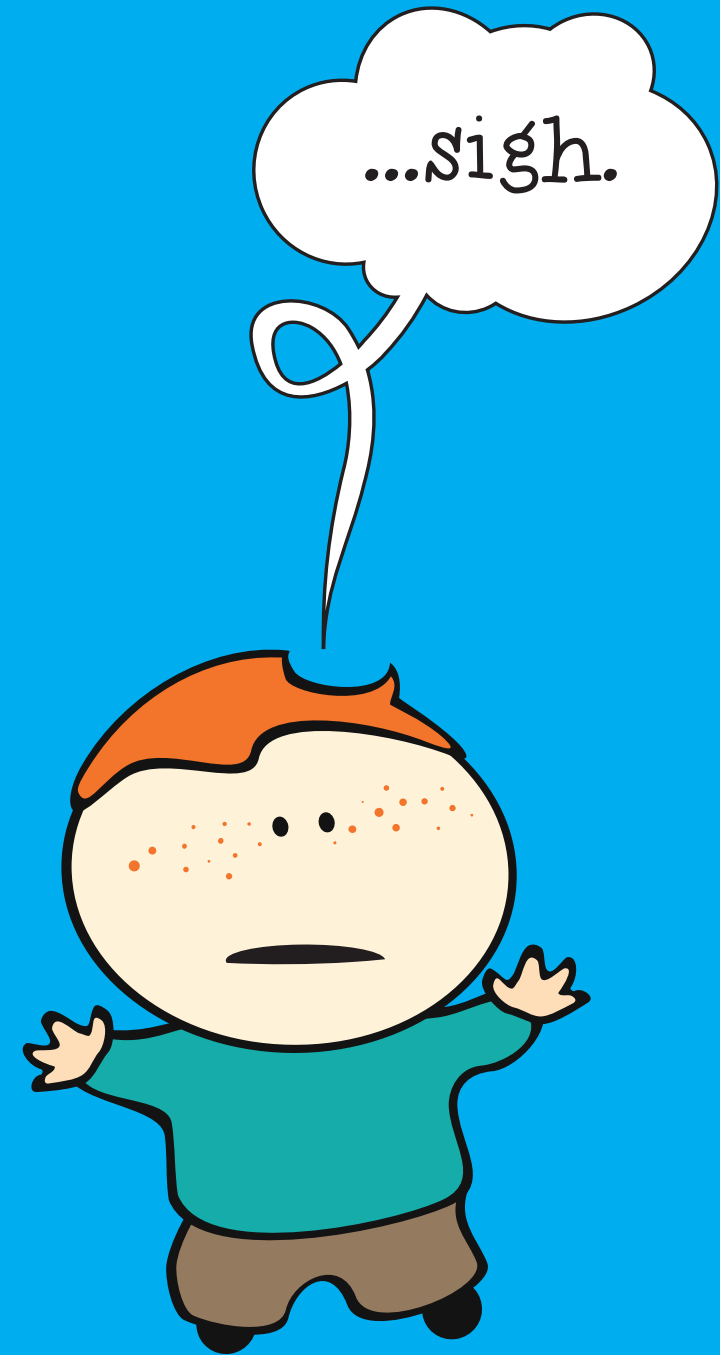
After "AHCHOO!"?



The children jumped over to him,
Like monkeys on a bed.
And they begged to know why
“Bless you” wasn't said.



Bobby straightened his shirt,
Rubbed his left eye,
Threw his arms in the air
And sighed a gigantic sigh.



“What's with 'bless you'?” he asked,

As he melted in his chair.

He looked at every child's face

Being careful not to stare.

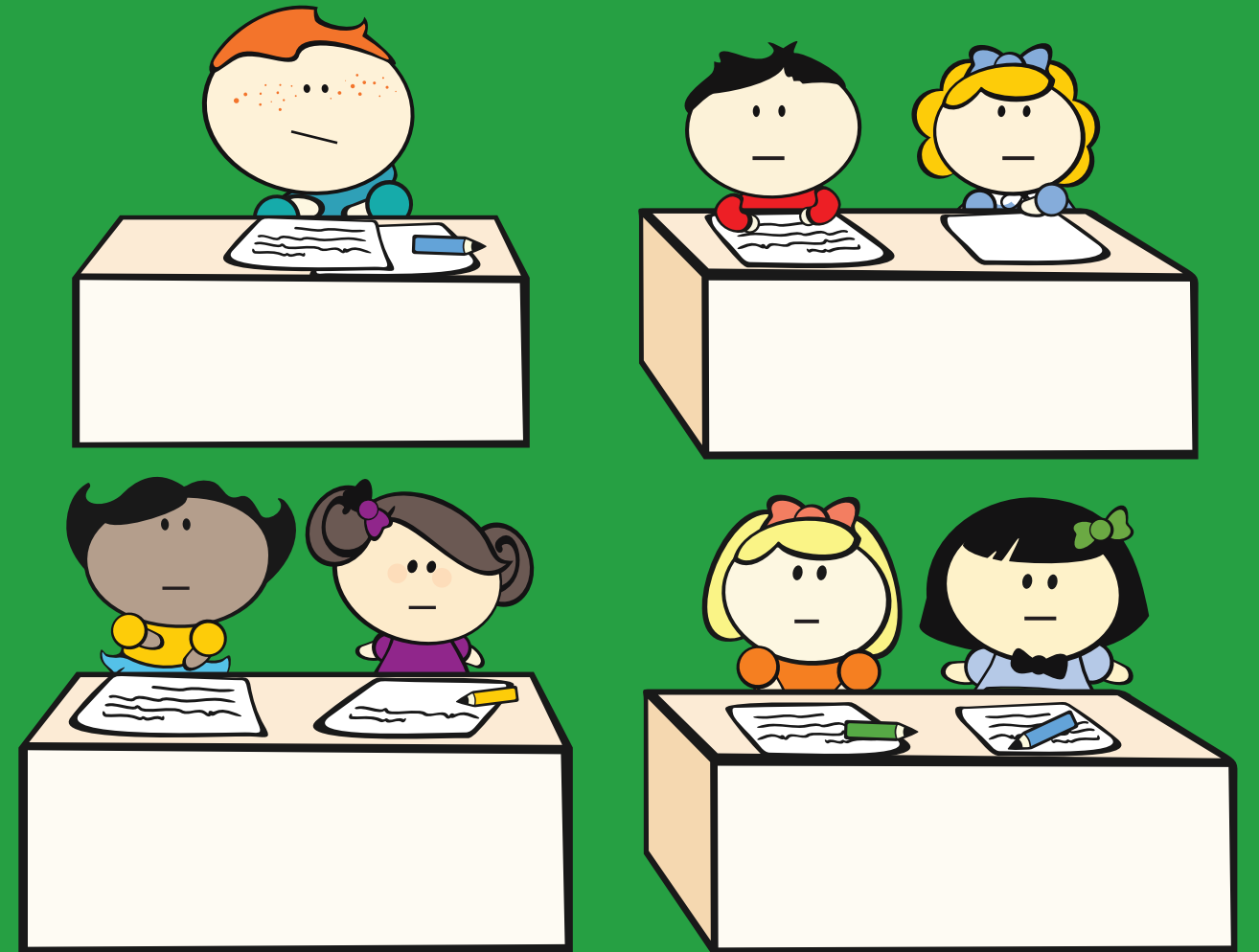


Now all eyes were on the teacher

For a simple explanation.

She said what they learned was

Taught from generation to generation.

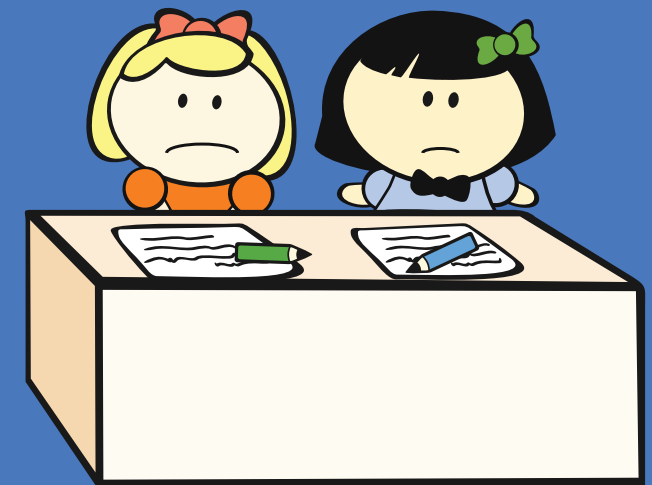
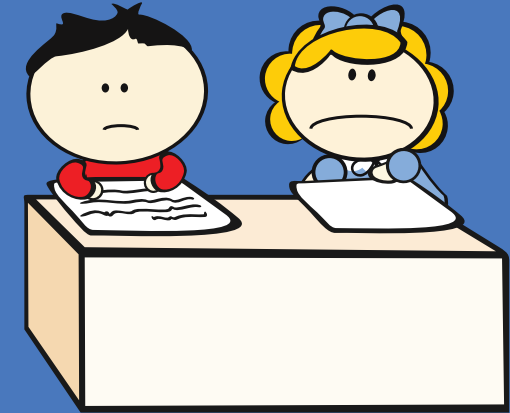
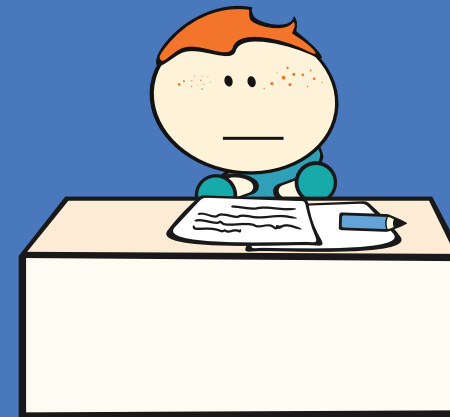


Then confusion grew to sadness

At what Bobby now knew.

His parents never taught him

The value of "bless you".



Grownups teach children manners -
Different types in different places.
With lots of different families,
With oh so different faces.



So when someone near you sneezes

A great big "AHCHOO!",

Just know it's very polite

To shout out "bless you!".



About the Author



Lisa Katz grew up primarily in South Florida. She earned her Bachelor's degree in English from the University of Florida and continued her education to earn a Master's degree in Reading a couple of years later. In 1993, Lisa and her husband moved to Pittsburgh, PA where she worked as a Literacy Specialist. A few years down the road, Lisa embraced her role as full-time mother. It was during this time that she began writing her first children's book. Lisa and her family moved to Charlottesville, Virginia and lived there for 10 years until recently settling into Gainesville, Florida in January 2012. Coming back to Gainesville after a 20-year hiatus has been a wonderful experience for Lisa. **The Little Boy Who Didn't Say "Bless You"** is Lisa's debut children's book. She has also written a women's fictional book as well as a feature-length screenplay. Look for more of her children's books in the near future!



The Little Boy Who Didn't Say "Bless You"

This is a story about manners and what it means to be considerate. There is a common phrase that is said after someone sneezes.

One day in school, Bobby's classmate sneezes, but he doesn't know that it's polite to say "bless you!". Who knew you could learn so much from two little words!

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