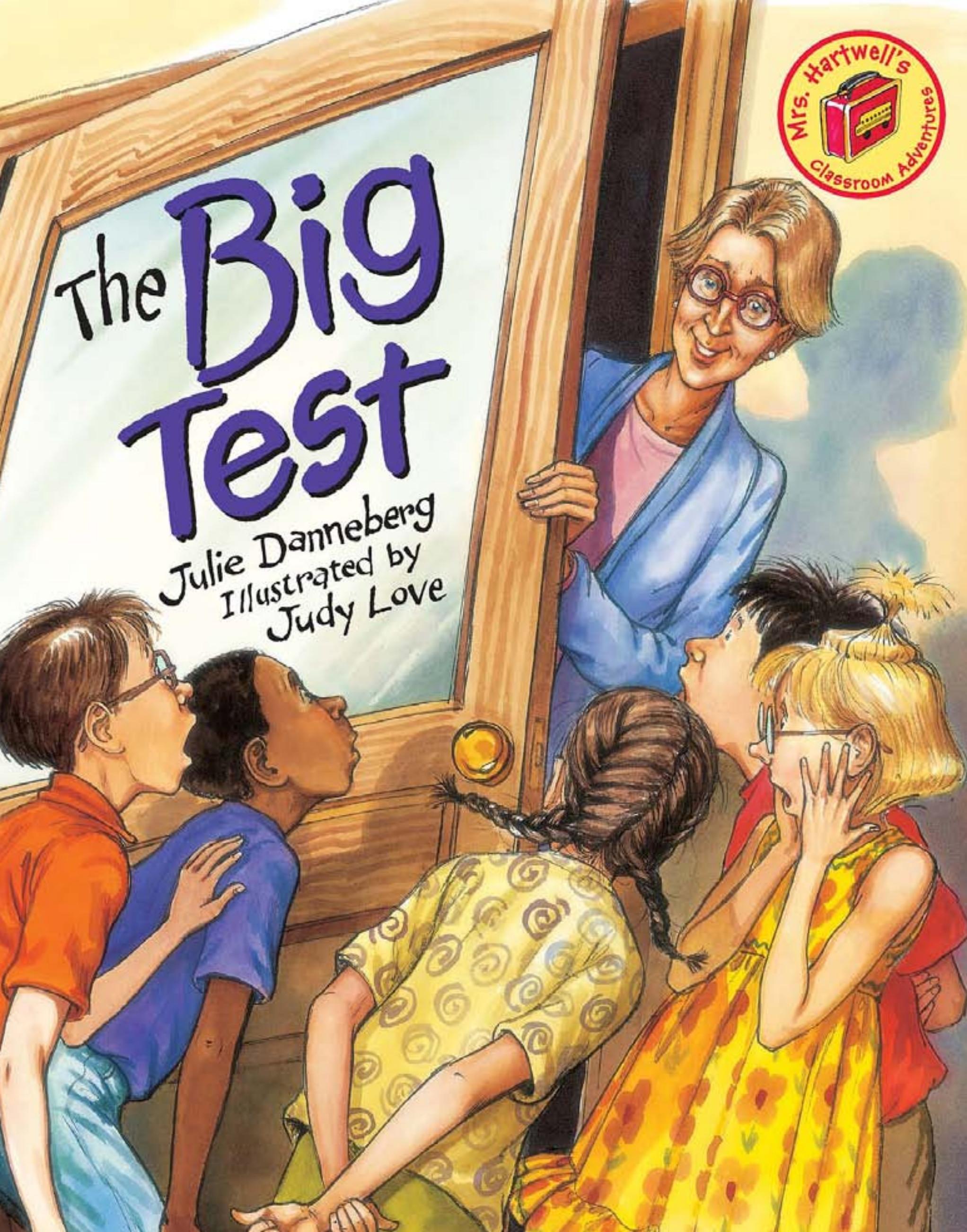




The Big Test

Julie Danneberg
Illustrated by
Judy Love



*To my brothers: Dan, Ed, and Andy.
Thank you for your strength and presence
as we faced our own Big Test.*

—J. D.

*For Roger, who has been there for me
from the first scribbled sketches through
the final scans. With gratitude and love.*

—J. L.



Text copyright © 2011 by Julie Danneberg

Illustrations copyright © 2011 by Judy Love

All rights reserved, including the right of reproduction in whole or in part in any form.

Charlesbridge and colophon are registered trademarks of Charlesbridge Publishing, Inc.

Published by Charlesbridge

85 Main Street

Watertown, MA 02472

(617) 926-0329

www.charlesbridge.com

Synchred Read-Along Version by:

Triangle Interactive LLC

PO Box 573

Prior Lake, MN 55372

Library of Congress Cataloging-in-Publication Data

Danneberg, Julie, 1958–

The Big Test / Julie Danneberg ; illustrated by Judy Love.

p. cm.

Summary: Mrs. Hartwell is concerned that preparing her students to take the Big Test is only making them nervous, and so she thinks of a way to help them relax.

ISBN 978-1-58089-360-2 (reinforced for library use)

ISBN 978-1-58089-361-9 (softcover)

[1. Examinations—Fiction. 2. Test anxiety—Fiction. 3. Teachers—Fiction. 4. Schools—Fiction.] I. Love, Judith DuFour, ill. II. Title.

PZ7.D2327Big 2011 ISBN-13: 978-1-68444-676-6 (e-book)

[E]—dc22 2010022762

Printed in China

(hc) 10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1

(sc) 10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1

Illustrations done in ink and transparent dyes on Arches watercolor paper

Display type hand-lettered by Judy Love and text type set in Electra

Color separations by Chroma Graphics, Singapore

Manufactured by Regent Publishing Services, Hong Kong

Printed February 2011 in Shenzhen, Guangdong, China

Production supervision by Brian G. Walker

Designed by Diane M. Earley

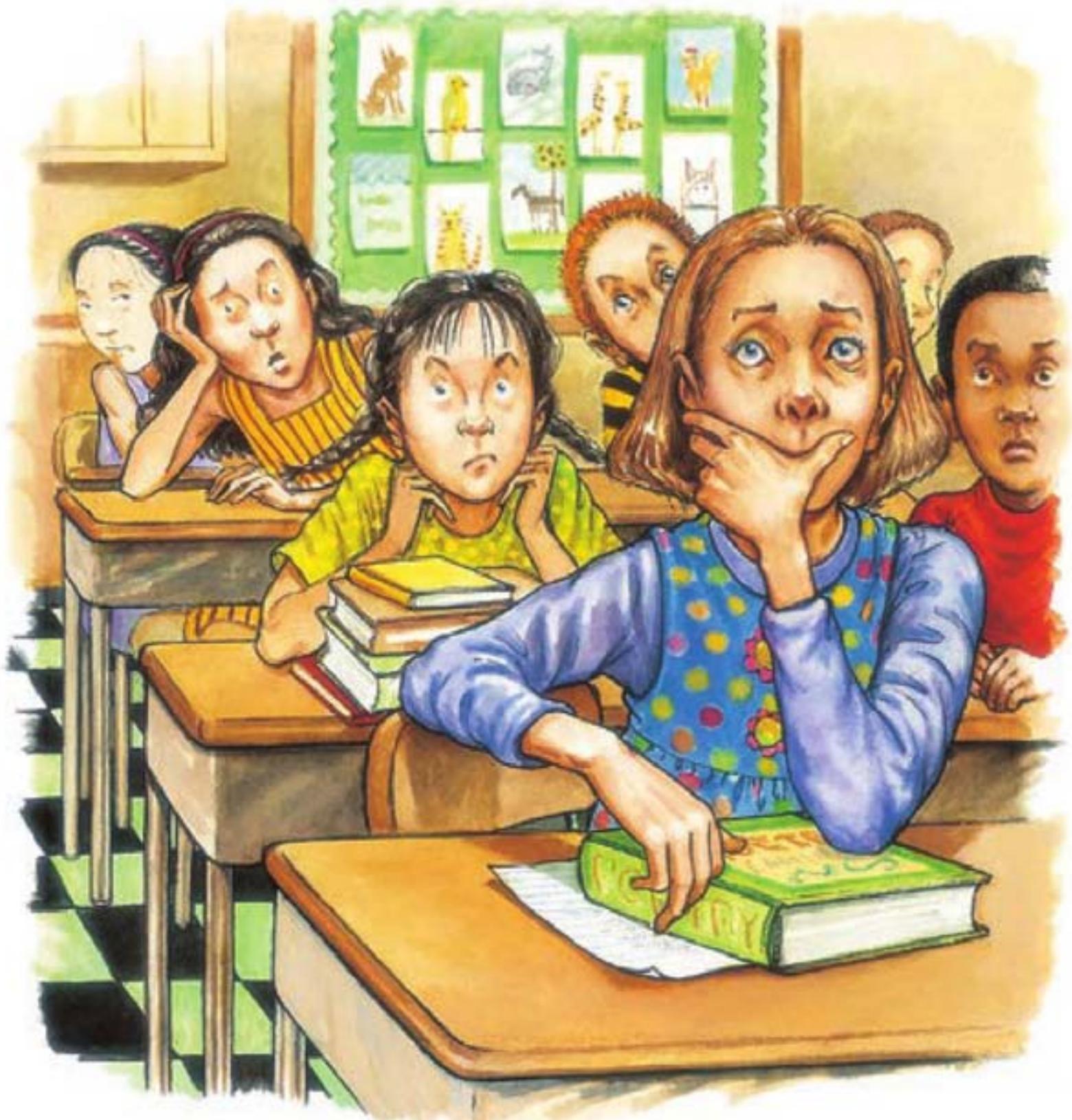


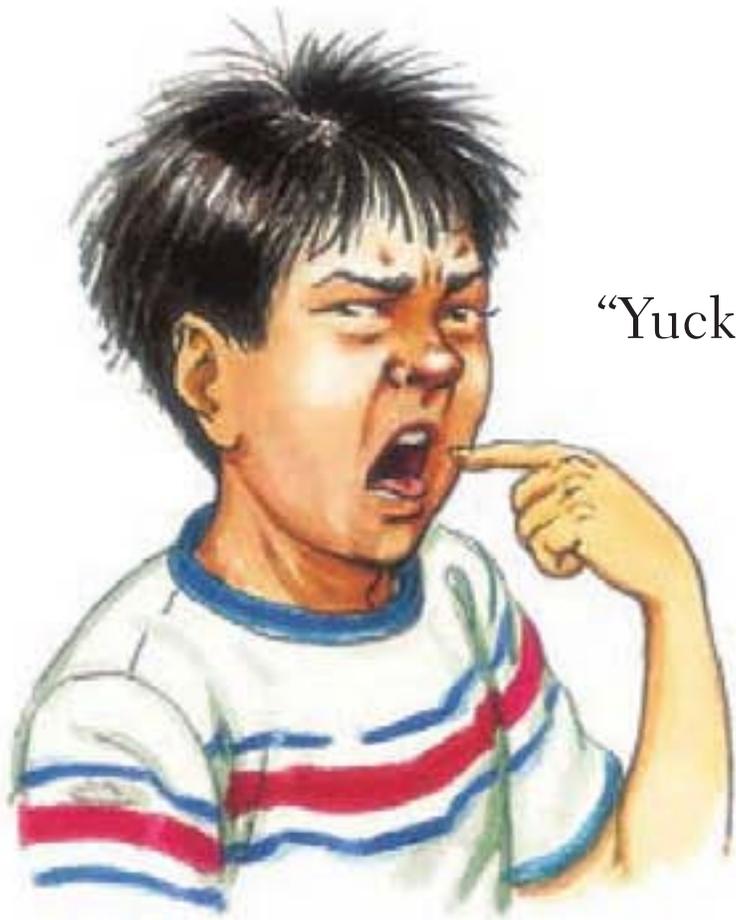
Mrs. Hartwell felt good.
Really good.
Really, really good.

All year long her students had worked hard,
learned lots, and had fun.

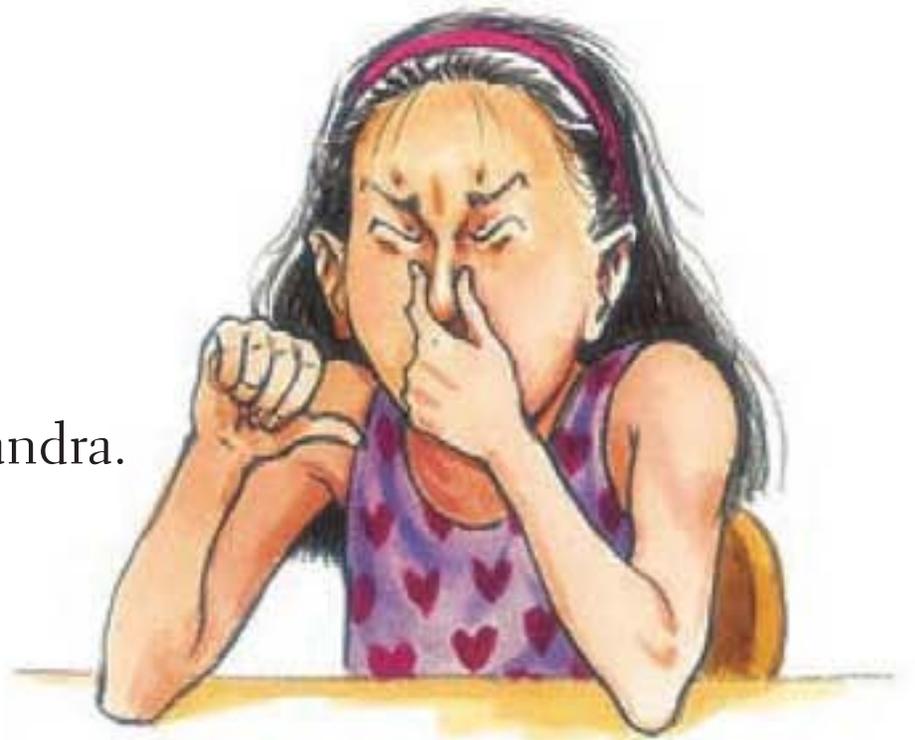


And now, as the school year neared its end, Mrs. Hartwell told her students that they were ready to take the Big Test.

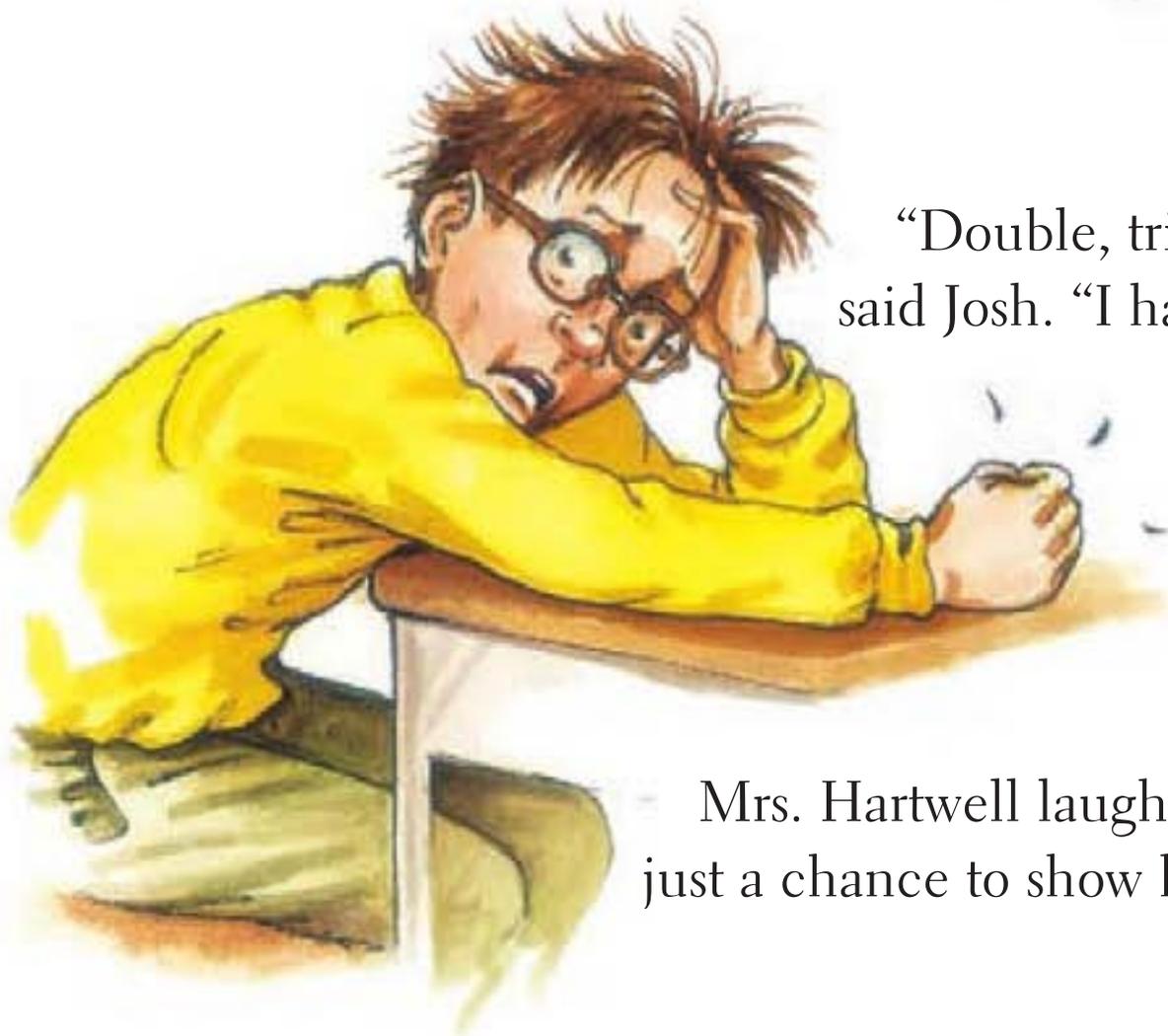




“Yuck,” said Eddie.



“Double yuck,” said Alexandra.



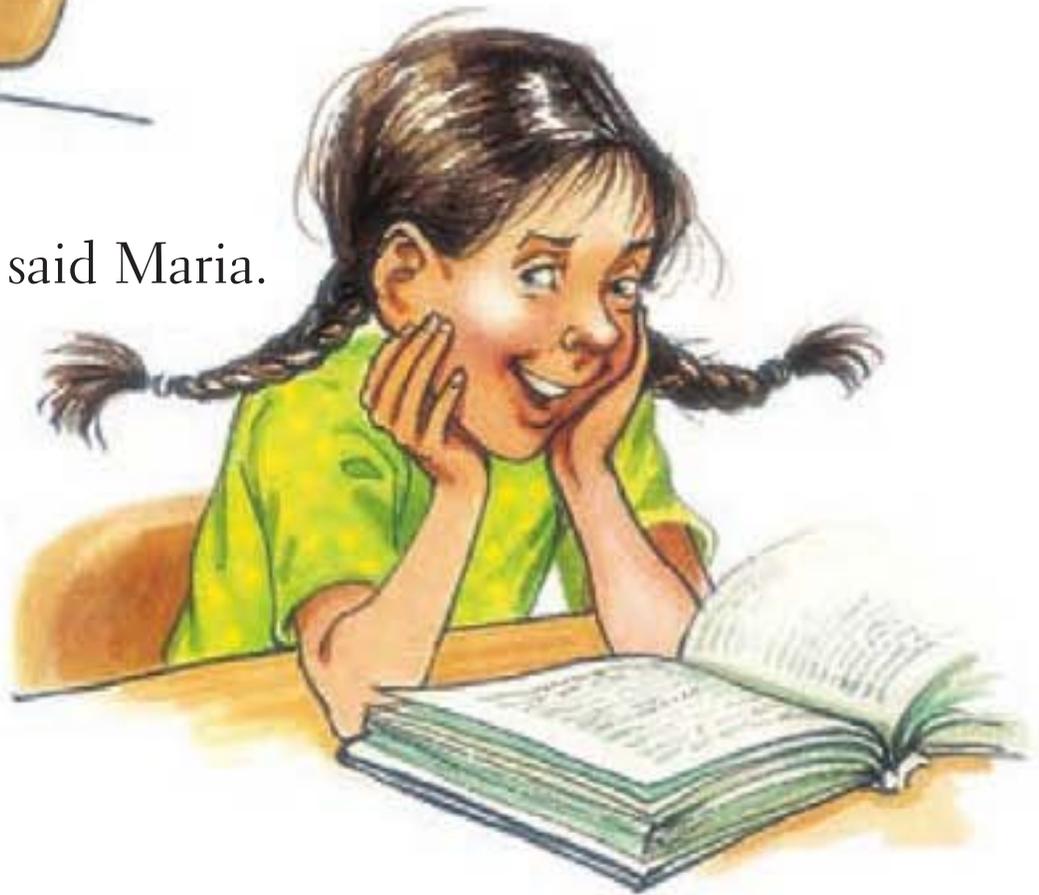
“Double, triple, quadruple yuck,”
said Josh. “I hate tests.”

Mrs. Hartwell laughed. “Don’t worry, this test is
just a chance to show how much you’ve learned.”

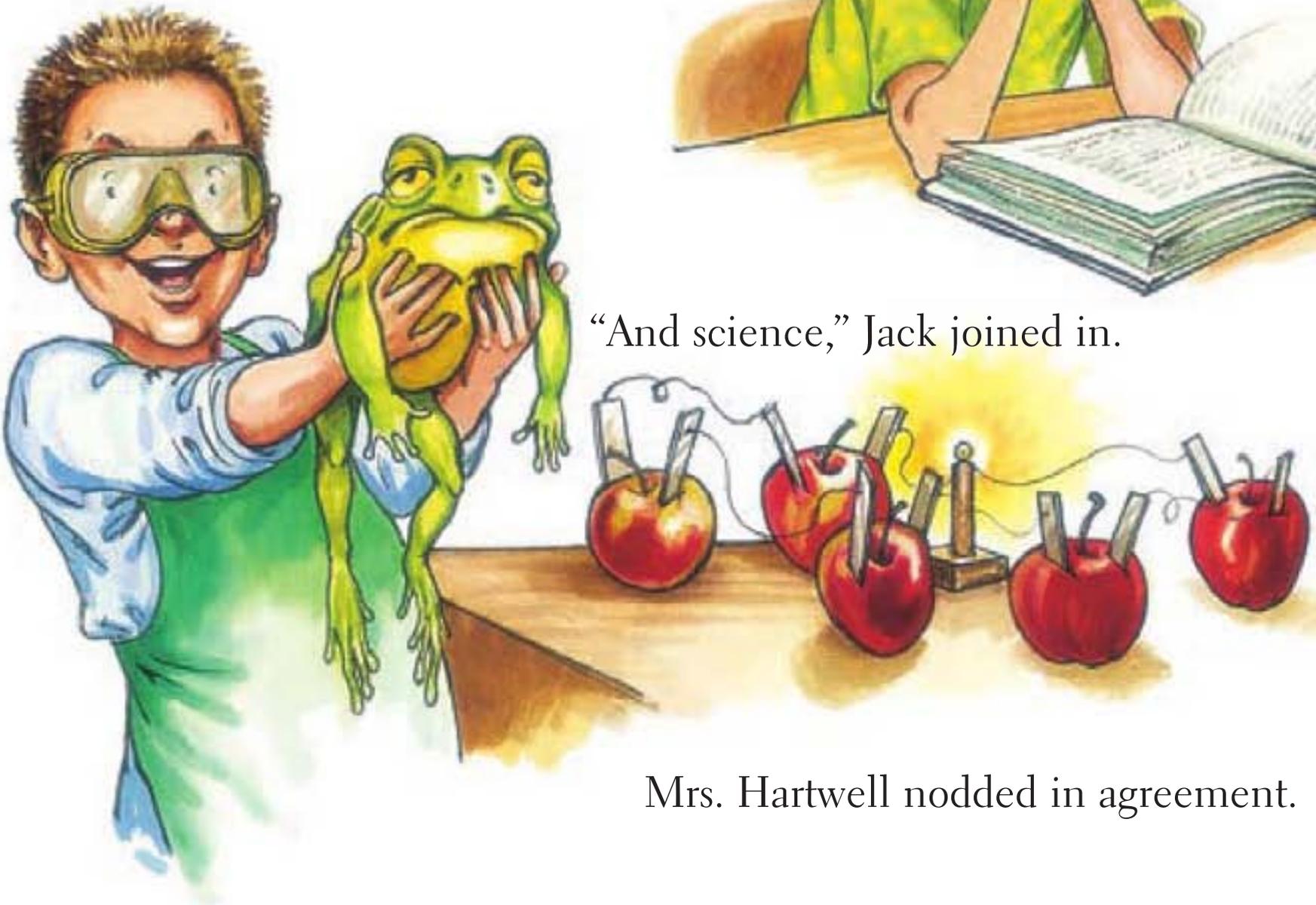
“Like addition,”
Emily shouted out.



“And reading,” said Maria.



“And science,” Jack joined in.



Mrs. Hartwell nodded in agreement.

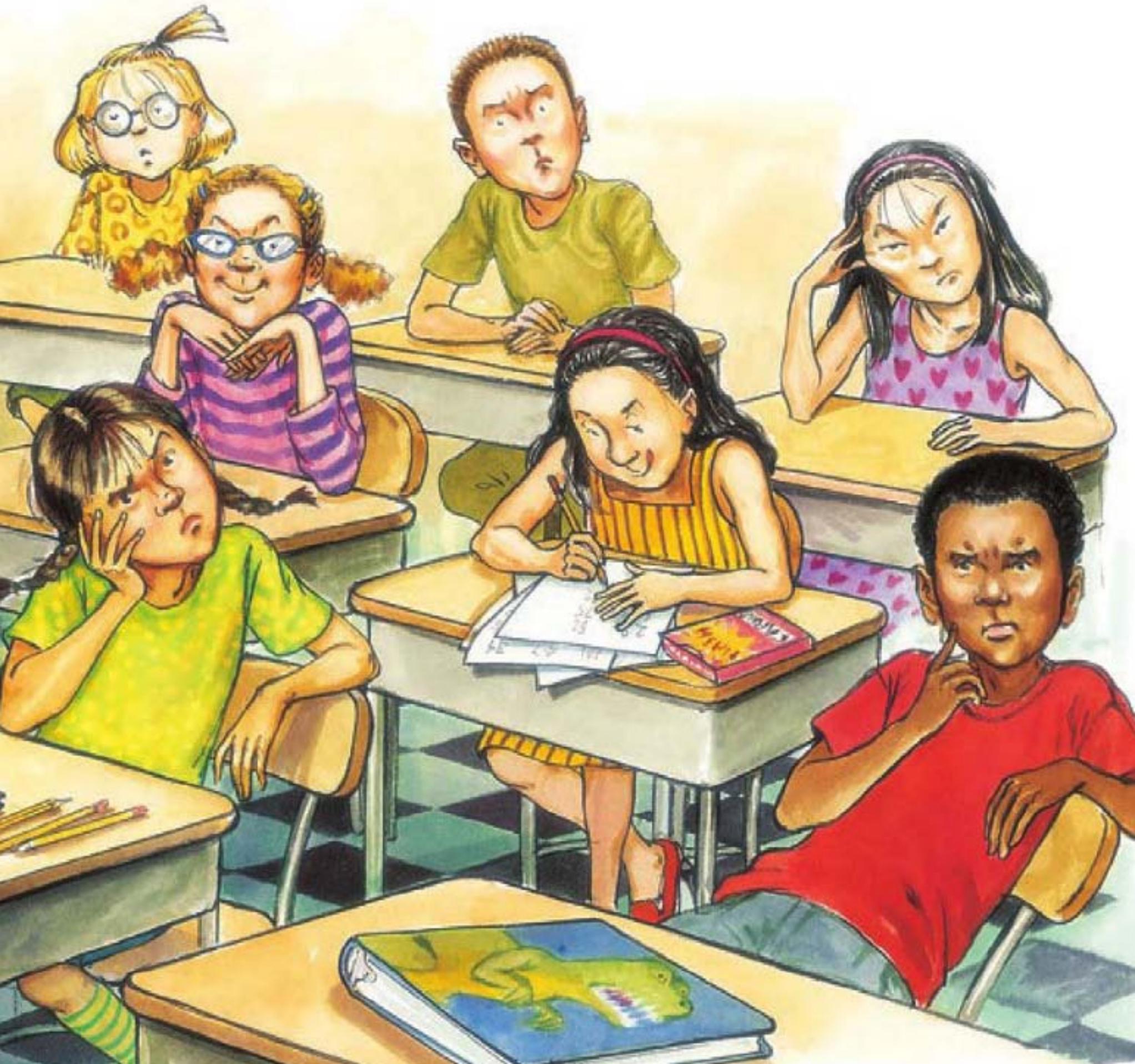
Leaning forward, she added, “We still have one thing left to learn, though.”

The class was confused.

“But you just said we were ready,” Daniel said.



“You are. Almost. But on a test you also have to
know
how to *show*
what you *know*,”
explained Mrs. Hartwell. “It’s the last thing we
have to learn. It will be fun.”



You've Just Finished your Free Sample

Enjoyed the preview?

Buy: <http://www.ebooks2go.com>