



School Can Be Cool

by Barbara Gilmour

Ms. Gilmour greeted the “Cool Kind Kids” class, “Welcome back boys and girls.” Tanner, Rudy, Nicole, Stephen, Carmen and Truman the Dragon all greeted her in return. “Hopefully you all had a great summer and are ready for school.” Everyone had a sad face. “I hate to see summer end,” said Rudy. “Me, too,” said Carmen. Tanner added, “The summer is so short and school is sooooo long.” Nicole shared, “We

get to do so many more cool things in the summer.” Truman asked, “How can we make school be cool, like the summer?”

Ms. Gilmour smiled and said, “Let’s do something different today. Let’s talk about the song ‘School Rules!’ and see what it can tell us about how to make school cool. After that, we’ll make it into a rap.”

All the kids thought that sounded like fun.

“As we go through the song, let’s see how we can use the ‘Cool Kind Kid’ Challenge to make school cool,” the teacher said. Rudy was waving his hand, “We need to live The Golden Rule every day for school to be cool. That will be a challenge.” Stephen agreed, “We need to get all the kids at school to remember to treat others the way they want to be treated.” Truman was excited when he heard this, “Maybe the bullies will be part of our challenge to live The Golden Rule.” Nicole added, “That would be really cool.”

Carmen shared, “We can challenge kids to give teachers respect so they will respect us.” Tanner added, “We need to give everyone respect, not just teachers.” They all agreed. Ms. Gilmour suggested looking at the chorus. “Is school cool when you can make friends?” Stephen said, “Yes! Making friends is cool everywhere.” “I want to be friends with everyone,” said Truman. Rudy looked sad, “Some kids won’t be friends with everyone, so some get their feelings hurt.” Nicole stood up and said, “That’s not cool, and it sure isn’t kind.”

“What does it mean to grow wiser every day, and not waste your mind?” asked Ms. Gilmour. Tanner replied, “That’s easy; we go to school to learn and if we don’t learn we are hurting ourselves.” Carmen added, “I think learning is cool. I don’t want to be a dummy. I want to be and do my best.” Truman was reading the lyrics of the song and said, “All we need to know about learning is in the song. It says to do our homework, listen and stay alert, takes notes and write down what is said in class so we remember it. It also says no clowning around.”

Tanner added, “The challenge will be getting kids to see that learning can be cool.” Rudy was ready for the challenge, “No problem. We just need to help everyone learn that following the ‘School Rules!’ song can help our school be Cool. Let’s make that rap!” Everyone cheered.

School Rules!

Every day that I’m in school I’ll remember my homework
I can live The Golden Rule I’ll listen and I’ll stay alert
I give teacher due respect I’ll take notes, write it down
Teacher gives respect right back I don’t need to clown around
I don’t mind my school I don’t mind my school
‘Cause I know school can be cool ‘Cause I know school can be cool
Chorus: (Chorus)
When it comes to making
Good friends every day I don’t mind my school
School Rules ‘Cause I know school can be cool
When it comes to growing
Wiser in every way (Chorus)
School Rules
My mind is something
I won’t waste away
School Rules

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