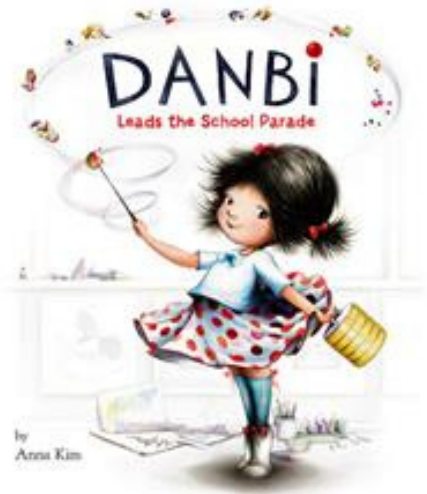




DANBI LEADS THE SCHOOL PARADE

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Danbi is a new student in her school, but she's also new to America! She doesn't speak English, and no one in her class speaks Korean. Will she fit in and make friends, or will school always be hard?



Questions:

1. How did you feel on your first day of school in kindergarten? How would you feel if you had to move to a brand new school where everyone knew each other except you? Would it be easy? If you get a new student in your class, what should you do? Welcome them?
2. How would it feel to live somewhere that you didn't speak the language? Would it be easy or hard?
3. How would you feel if no one played with you? Even if someone doesn't speak your language, can you include them? Can you help them? Can you teach them?
4. Have you ever seen someone eating food from another culture and thought it looked weird? Have you ever seen someone eating food from another culture and thought it looked delicious? Should you try new foods whenever you can?
5. How do you think Danbi felt when her classmates paid attention to her? How do you think she felt when she got to teach them how to use chopsticks?
6. How do you think Danbi and the other children felt having a parade at lunch and at recess? Have you ever been in a parade? Is it a fun thing to do? What is something or someone special you could hold a parade for? Your teacher? Your class? Your friends? Could you include others in your parade?
7. How do you think Danbi felt when Nelly became her friend? How do you think Nelly felt when she got to know Danbi better and helped teach her things? Does everyone feel good when they find a new friend? Is it possible for everyone to be friends?
8. If you got a new classmate tomorrow who was from another country and didn't speak English, how could you help them? Should everyone all help them and talk to them at once, or would that be scary and overwhelming? Could you pick someone to be their buddy every day and help them out? Could you help them learn? Could you learn from them?