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*"A friend is like a four leaf clover . . .  
... hard to find but lucky to have."*

# GOING TO A NEW SCHOOL



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## Going to a New School!

You are going to a new school next year! Going to a new school means meeting new friends, new teachers, and new classmates. You might experience many different feelings. You may feel worried, happy, sad, mad, or even glad.

Next year I will be going to \_\_\_\_\_.

How did you find out that you will attend a new school?

\_\_\_\_\_

One good thing about going to a new school is \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

One thing that worries me is \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

I'm going to a new school next year!  
I'm going to jump with glee!

I'm going to a new school next year!  
Some friends I wish were with me!

I'm going to a new school next year!  
Some friends I will definitely see!

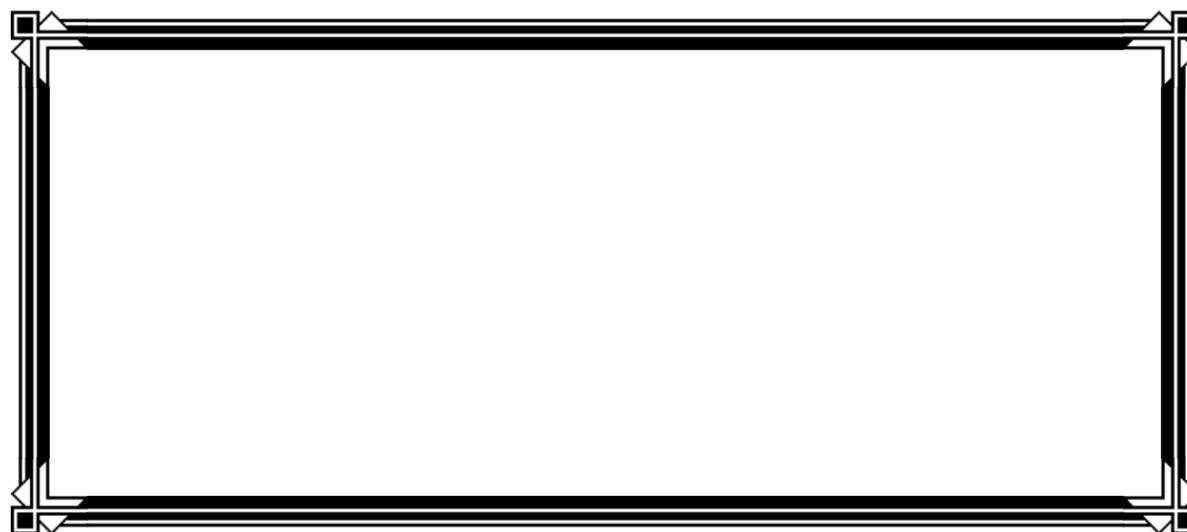
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## Tip #3 - Be friendly

Remember, you are not the only new student in the school. Be friendly to every student.

Other people are going to be scared, unhappy, and nervous. What can you do to make them feel welcome?

*Draw a picture below of what you are going to do to make other students feel welcome in the school.*



## Tip #4 - Remember who you are

You are a very special person. You do not need to change who you are to make people like you. Take pride in yourself!

*What are your favorite things about you? List three things you are most proud of about yourself.*

*Whenever you doubt yourself, remember these things.*

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## Tip #2 - Make an effort to make new friends

Your new school is full of new friends. It is up to you to try and find them. There are times in school when you can make new friends.

### Recess

Recess is a great time to make new friends.

Look for someone doing something you like to do.

Say “hi” and ask if you can join in the activity.

While playing, ask the students’ names.

### Lunch

Find students who are in your classes, and ask if you can sit with them.

Talk to them about the new school, teachers, and other things you both share.

Ask questions about what they like to do for fun.

Remember to listen to what they say. Take turns asking questions and sharing information about yourself.

### Class

Being in a class with someone is a great way to start a friendship. This gives you something in common.

Be careful not to talk during the wrong times in class.

When the teacher lets you work with a partner, it’s a great time to get to know that student.

What are you going to do to try and make friends?

*Write down something you are going to try on your first day.*

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## Sometimes I’m Feeling . . .

I’m going to a new school next year.

Sometimes I’m feeling sad.

I’m going to a new school next year.

Sometimes I’m feeling glad!

Happy, sad, mad, or glad,

They say it’s all ok!

Happy, sad, mad, or glad,

No matter what they say!

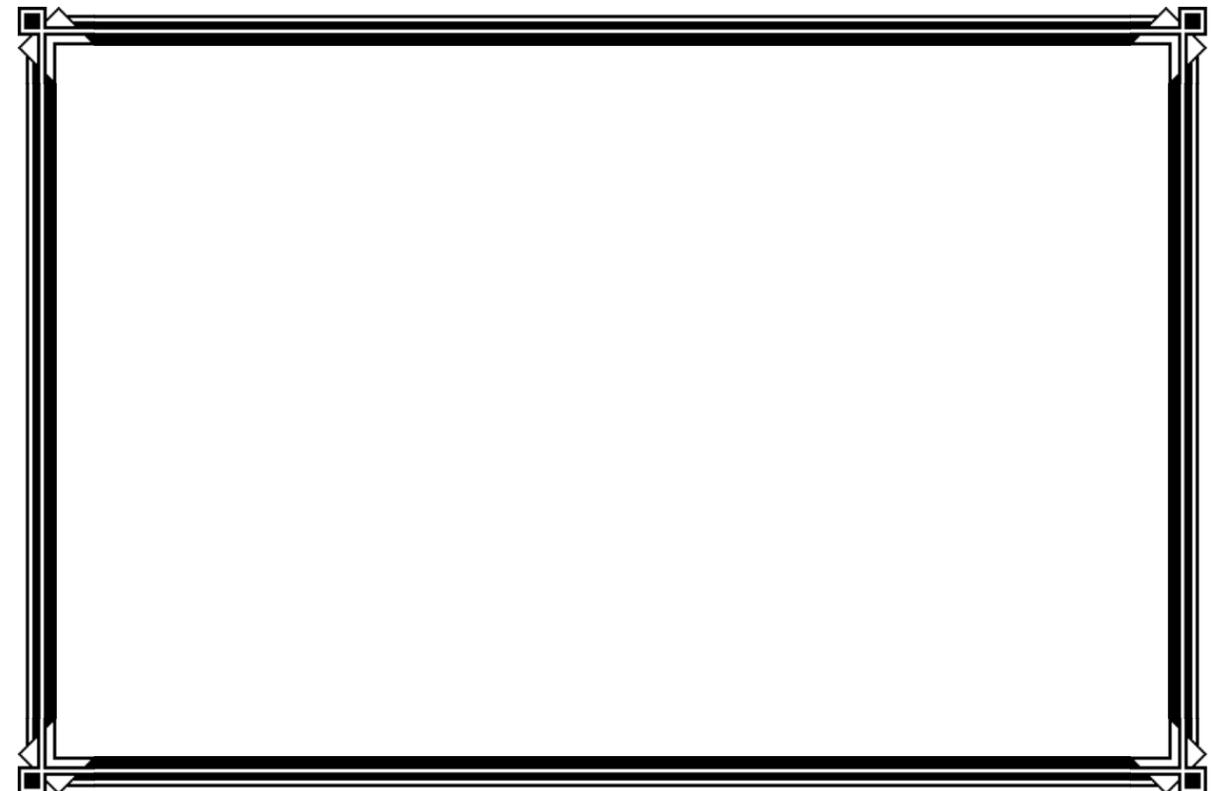
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*Draw a picture to show how you feel about going to a new school.*



## Mixed-Up Feelings about the New School

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 I L B F Z Q M J C R F L A E N O Y R T B  
 D E S S E R T S D A U H D T W Y D K L K  
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ANGRY  
 CONFIDENT  
 GLAD  
 JOYFUL  
 SAD  
 STRESSED  
 UNWANTED

BRAVE  
 DEPRESSED  
 HAPPY  
 LUCKY  
 SCARED  
 SURPRISED  
 WORRIED

CAREFREE  
 EXCITED  
 HURT  
 MAD  
 SPECIAL  
 TRUSTED

## Tips for Starting at a New School

Going to a new school can be fun and exciting. However, you may feel a little sad about leaving your friends and teachers. Whether you feel sad, happy, scared, or hopeful, all feelings are fine. With a little bit of time, you will be just as happy at your new school as you were at your current one.

### Tip #1 - Talk

When you talk to someone, you get a chance to share your feelings. This lets other people know how you feel. Sometimes these people have even felt the same way before.

There are many people you can talk to:

- Your parents
- Brothers and sisters
- Friends and other students
- Teachers and coaches
- Your school counselor

*Name three people you would feel comfortable talking to:*

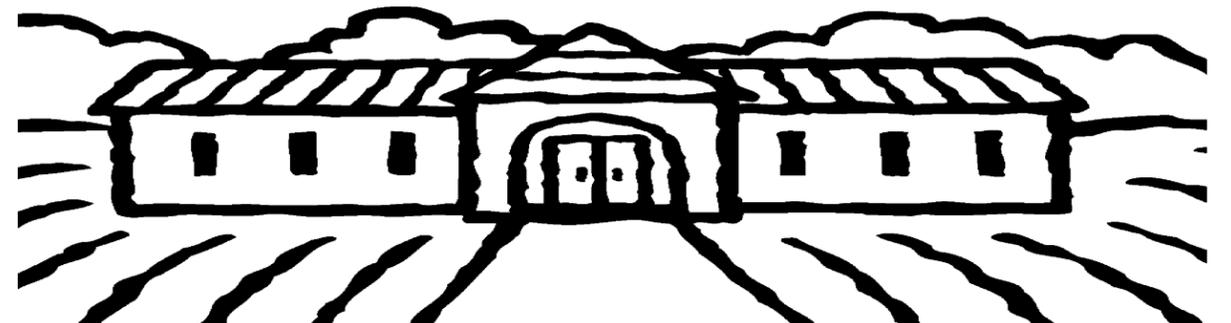
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## My Friends

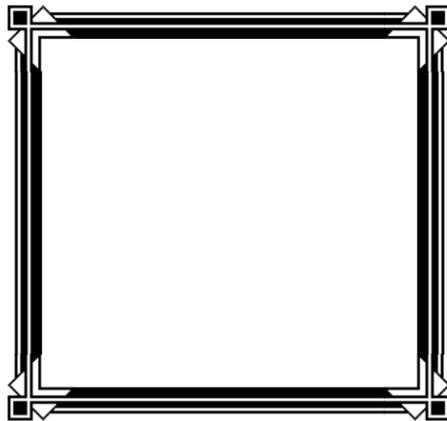
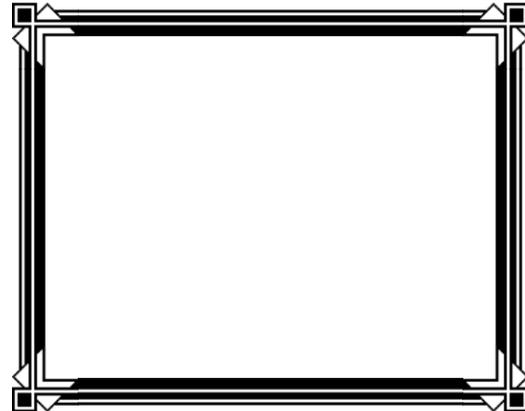
No matter where I go, my friends are still my friends.

Going there or staying here, my friends are still my friends.

I'm going to a new school next year,  
I'm going to jump with glee!

I'm going to a new school next year,  
Some friends I will definitely see!

*Draw pictures of your favorite friends  
and decorate the frames.*



Ways I can keep my friends:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

## Fun Memories

You are a very special part of \_\_\_\_\_.  
name of your current school

You know how to make friends, and you know how to be a terrific student. Yes, you can do it again at your new school.

*Recall some things about your current school:*

I was in \_\_\_\_ grade when I started \_\_\_\_\_.  
name of your current school

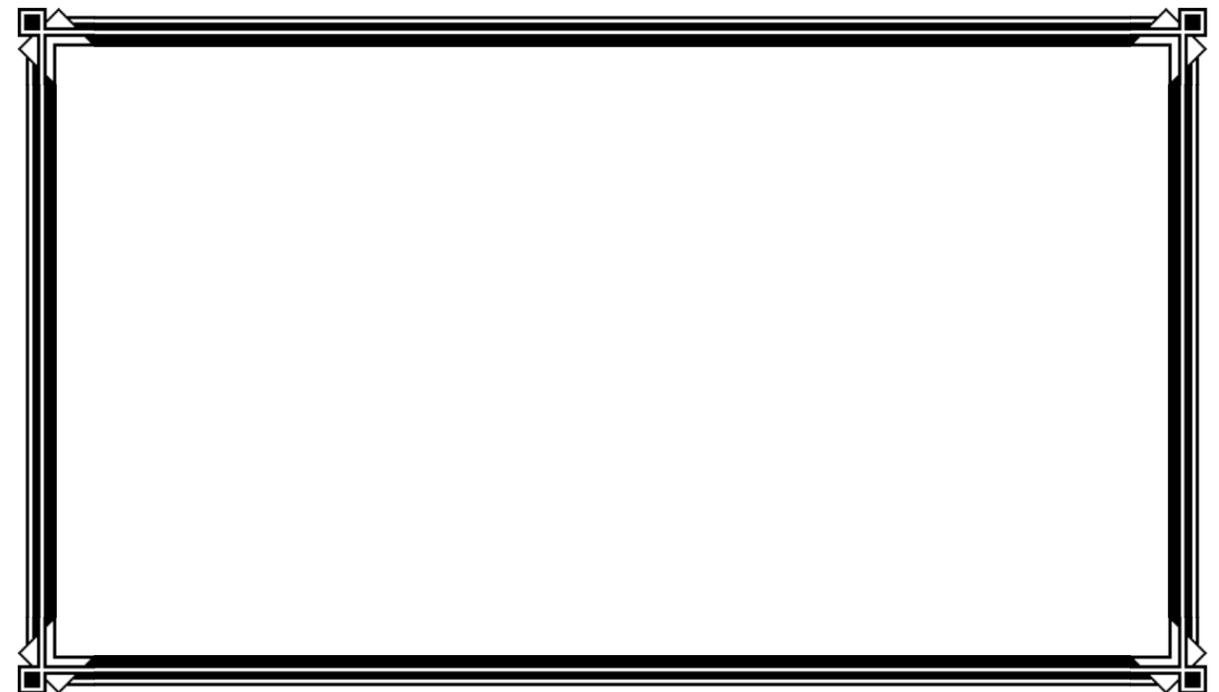
These are some things I like about my school:

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*Draw a picture of your current school.*





### My Favorite School Activities

School activities are a lot of fun – band, chorus, clubs, assemblies, May Day, and so much more. These activities make learning easy, are full of fun, and help us make friends. *What were your favorite activities this year?*

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When you get to your new school, what activities will your school offer? Some may be the same and some may be new experiences for you. *Make a list of some activities you are looking forward to trying.*

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### Old Friends, New Friends

Some people have a lot of friends; some people have only a few close friends. There is no rule about the number or type of friends you have. Everyone deserves to have good friends.

Think about the friends you have. How do you feel about them? *Make a list of what you like about these friends.*

My friends are \_\_\_\_\_

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I like these friends because \_\_\_\_\_

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Think about the friends you would like to have. *Write down what these new friends would be like.*

My new friends \_\_\_\_\_

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