**A Brave New Day**

Liam was a little nervous. Today was his first day of school, and he had never been away from his mom for so long before. He looked at his mom, her eyes filled with love and a tiny bit of sadness.

 “Don’t worry, Liam,” she said, giving him a hug. “You’ll have so much fun! Remember, I’m never far away if you feel scared.”

 Liam nodded, but his heart still pounded. He was a bit scared of the first day of school. He took a deep breath and tried to be brave.

 “Let’s pack your lunch,” his mom suggested. Liam helped her pack his lunch, handing her the carefully wrapped sandwich, bright red apple, and cut up carrots.

 “Ready to go?” his mom asked, smiling. Liam nodded and put on his backpack. He gave his mom a big hug.

 “OK, I’m ready,” he said. As they walked toward the school, Liam looked up at the big building. It seemed so tall and scary, but he remembered what his mom said. He was brave. He could do this.

 When they reached the school, Liam nervously took his mom’s hand as they walked inside. The school was full of the sound of children laughing and talking. It was a bit overwhelming. Liam pressed closer to his mom and tried to stay calm. His mom pointed him towards his classroom.

 “Have a great day Liam!” she said, waving goodbye.

 “Bye, Mommy…” Liam waved to his mom and slowly turned to the classroom door. He took a deep breath and walked through the door.

 “Good morning! My name is Miss Sandy! What’s yours?” The teacher smiled at him and introduced herself.

 “I’m Liam. I’m six.”

 “Welcome, Liam! Why don’t you come sit here with Joy and Mike?” Liam walked over to the empty chair and smiled shyly at the two other kids at the table.

 As the day went on, Liam started to feel more comfortable. He made new friends and learned fun things. When it was time to go home, he couldn’t believe how quickly the day had passed.

 His mom was waiting for him and as he told her all about his day and Joy and Mike and Miss Sandy, he felt proud of himself. ‘I am brave! I did it!’ he thought to himself. He had survived his first day of school, and he couldn’t wait for tomorrow.

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