

When Our Teacher is Away, We Can Still Learn and Play



Our teachers help us learn and have fun
with all our friends at school.

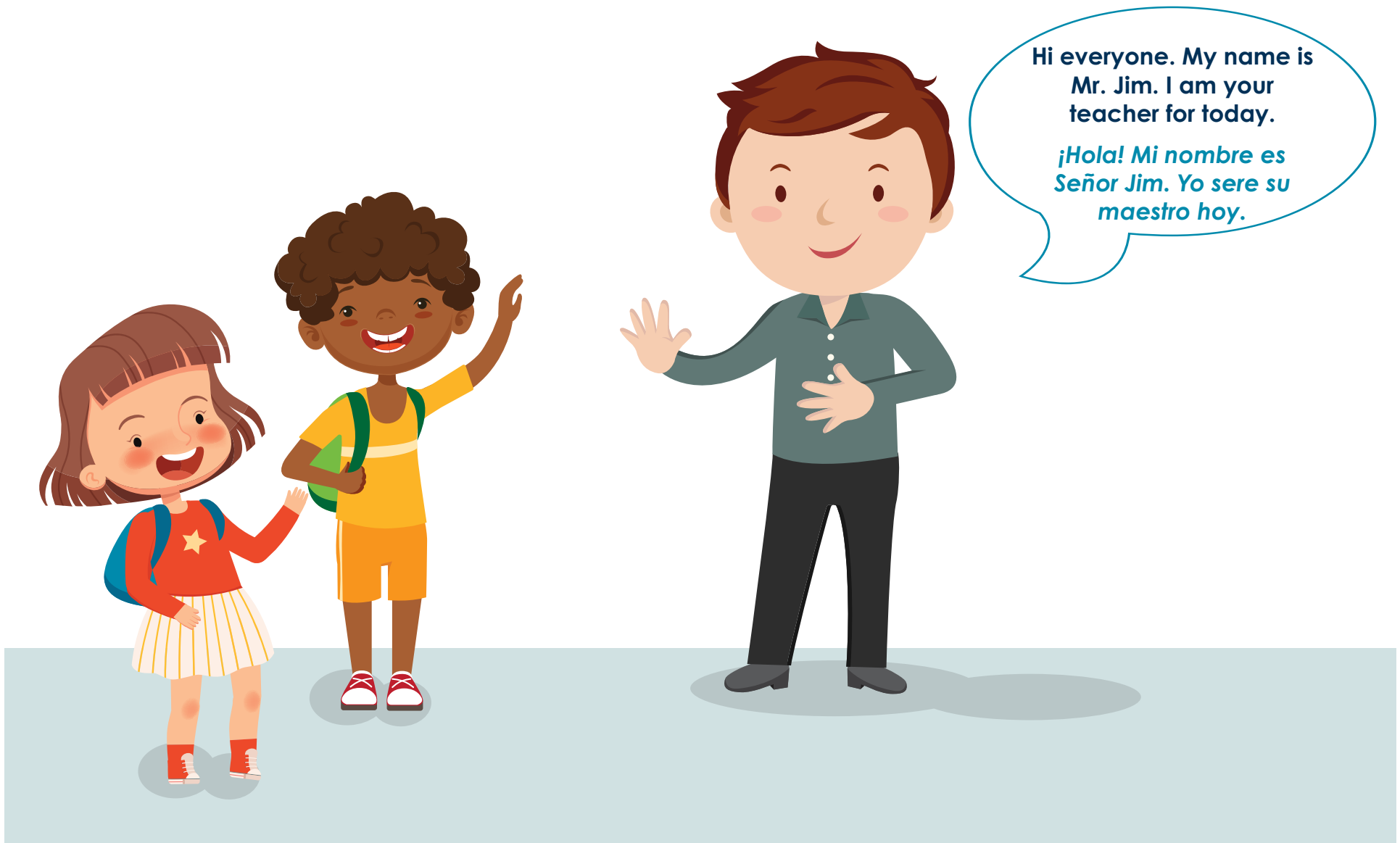


Sometimes a teacher might not be in our classroom.
They might be sick, they might be on vacation, or
they might be helping another classroom.



We will miss our teacher, but we will see them again.
We might feel sad or worried because they are not
here, but they will come back to our classroom soon.

There are other teachers in the school that will come to our classroom and help us learn when our regular teacher is not here. This teacher is called a substitute teacher.



When there is a substitute teacher in our classroom, we still follow the class schedule. We will still do fun things like circle time, art, centers, and playing with other children.



When there are substitute teachers in our classroom,
they will learn our names, but sometimes they
might get mixed up and call us our friend's name.
That's ok, we can just tell them our name.



If we need help, we can ask the substitute teacher in the classroom for help, just like we would ask our other teachers.



We can be a big helper by following the classroom rules.
We can use our listening ears when teachers are talking.
We can clean up our toys and help put things away.
We can use kind words with our teachers and friends.



When our teacher comes back to our classroom they will be happy to see us and proud that we had fun learning and playing with the substitute teacher. We know what to do when our teacher is away.





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Scripted stories can be used to help an individual child or groups of children follow the expectations of activities, routines, and social situations. See the [Making a Scripted Story for Early Childhood Education and Care Environments](#) and [Making a Scripted Story \(for home\)](#) resources for tips on developing your own story.

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