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Misadventures Turn into Life Lessons

"Psst!" I heard from the bushes along the parameter of Tincher Preparatory School. I was 4 years old in my new blue sneakers and a polka dot green dress walking intently

to my first day of kindergarten. I remember taking a quick look to my right to see where the noise was coming from and there was my friend Greg Beers looking at me through the leaves. "Let's ditch school today," he sneakily said to me. I smiled and without saying a word I climbed into the bushes to sit next to him. We stayed there quietly watching all the feet of excited students walk by until the first school bell rang. After a bit of boredom, we crawled out of the bushes and made our way to the classroom window, where our classmates spotted us, clearly entertained. However, our teacher was not as amused as she quickly ushered us into class.



At the end of the school day my teacher summoned Greg and me to her desk and handed us each a sealed envelope with a note. "Give this to your moms," she instructed. I knew it was not good. As soon as I got into my mom's 1969 blue Volkswagen bus, I swiftly handed her the note and hopped over the middle row to the very back. After reading the note, she looked back at me and said one simple word, "Honestly."

I knew, even at a young age, I had made a mistake and that one word from my mom conveyed a powerful sense of disappointment. Lesson learned from my kindergarten misadventure: the importance of making right decisions and not disappointing my mom. From

that day forward, I knew I wanted to act responsibly and make my mom proud.

Recently as I saw students walking to their first day of school, it brought back this memory and life lesson. Wishing all our wonderful students a great and successful school year.

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