

# School Day Memories From David Shannon



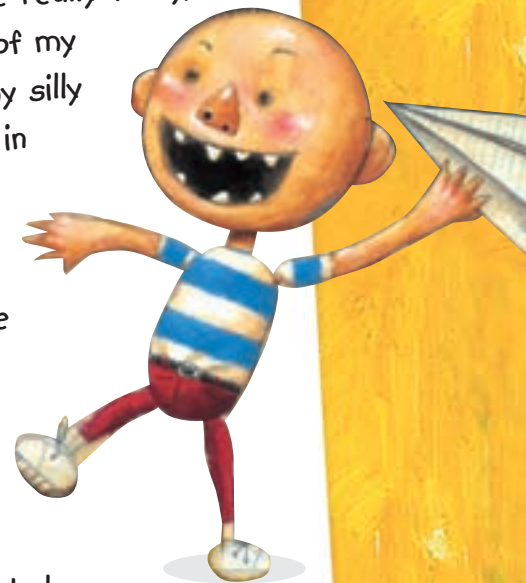
Dear Readers,

Of all the questions I get from kids like you, the most popular one is: "Were you like David when you were in school?" My answer would be "Sort of." I was a handful, but I wasn't that bad. Some of the things David gets in trouble for doing were things my brother or my nephew or my friends did. Then I put them all together and made David do all of them. For example, it was my brother who went to school without his pants on! He's really smart so he's always thinking about big complicated things, and sometimes he forgets about simple little things (like putting on his pants!). It was me that made a face for the class picture, though. I thought it would be really funny, but it ended up being really embarrassing. I was only thinking of my own copy of the picture when I made the face. I forgot that my silly face would be in everyone's picture, on everyone's refrigerator, in everyone's house, and everyone would see what an idiot I was!

The best part about going to school, besides seeing my friends, was learning to read. Every day, my teacher set aside time to read to us. Then she helped us pick out books that we could read on our own. I always liked drawing pictures of the stories I read, and after a while I started making up my own stories. That's how David came to be!

I hope you have as much fun reading in school as I did. It'll help you stay out of trouble!

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