

Froggy Goes to School

It was the first day of school. Froggy woke up and looked out the window.

“Oh no! The school bus!” he cried. “I’ll miss the bus!”

He hopped out of bed and flopped outside—flop flop flop.

“Wait!” he yelled.

Froggy flopped up the bus steps—*flop flop flop*. When he reached the top, everybody laughed and pointed their fingers.

“FRRROOGGY!” yelled his friend Max.

“Wha-a-a-a-t?”

“Did you forget something?”

“Oops!”

He was in his *underwear*! He ran to the back of the bus and hid behind Max's umbrella. At school, he hopped behind bushes.

“FRRROOGGY!” called his teacher.

“Wha-a-a-a-t?” But it wasn't his teacher at all—it was his father! Froggy rubbed his eyes. He had been dreaming. He was still in bed!

“Rise and shine, Froggy,” said his father. “It's the first day of school!”

This time, Froggy got all dressed—zip! zoop! zup! Then he flopped into the kitchen—*flop flop flop*. He spilled some milk.

“You're just nervous about school, Froggy,” said his mother. “*Everybody* is, the first day.”

“Not me!” cried Froggy.

At school, Froggy found his name tag on the table. He liked his name. “FRRROOGGY!” he read it aloud.

“FRRROOGGY!” cried his teacher, Miss Witherspoon.

“Wha-a-a-a-t?”

“Dear. It's time to pay attention.”

But it was hard to pay attention. He squirmed. *PLOP!* He fell out of his chair. “Oops!”

“Kindly stay in your seat, dear,” said Miss Witherspoon. “Now, children, I'd like you to tell us what you did last summer. Who wants to go first?”

Froggy shouted, “Me, me, me!” and so did Max.

“Now one at a time,” said Miss Witherspoon.

When Froggy's turn came, he jumped up and said, “Last summer, I learned how to swim!” And he sang, “Bubble bubble, toot toot. Chicken, airplane, soldier.” Everybody jumped up and joined in—when—*uh-oh*—in walked the principal, Mr. Mugwort.

Mr. Mugwort looked at him ... then he joined in—“Bubble bubble, toot toot. Chicken, airplane, soldier”—till the bell rang for recess.

When Froggy flopped off the bus after school, his father said, “Froggy! How was your first day of school?”

“Great!” said Froggy. “I taught the principal how to swim!”

“HMMMMM, that's nice,” said his mother, “but where's your lunch box and baseball cap?”

“Oops! I left them at school.”

“Oh, Froggy, will you ever learn?” said his mother.

“That's why I'm going to school, Mom!”

And together they leapfrogged all the way home—*flop flop flop*.