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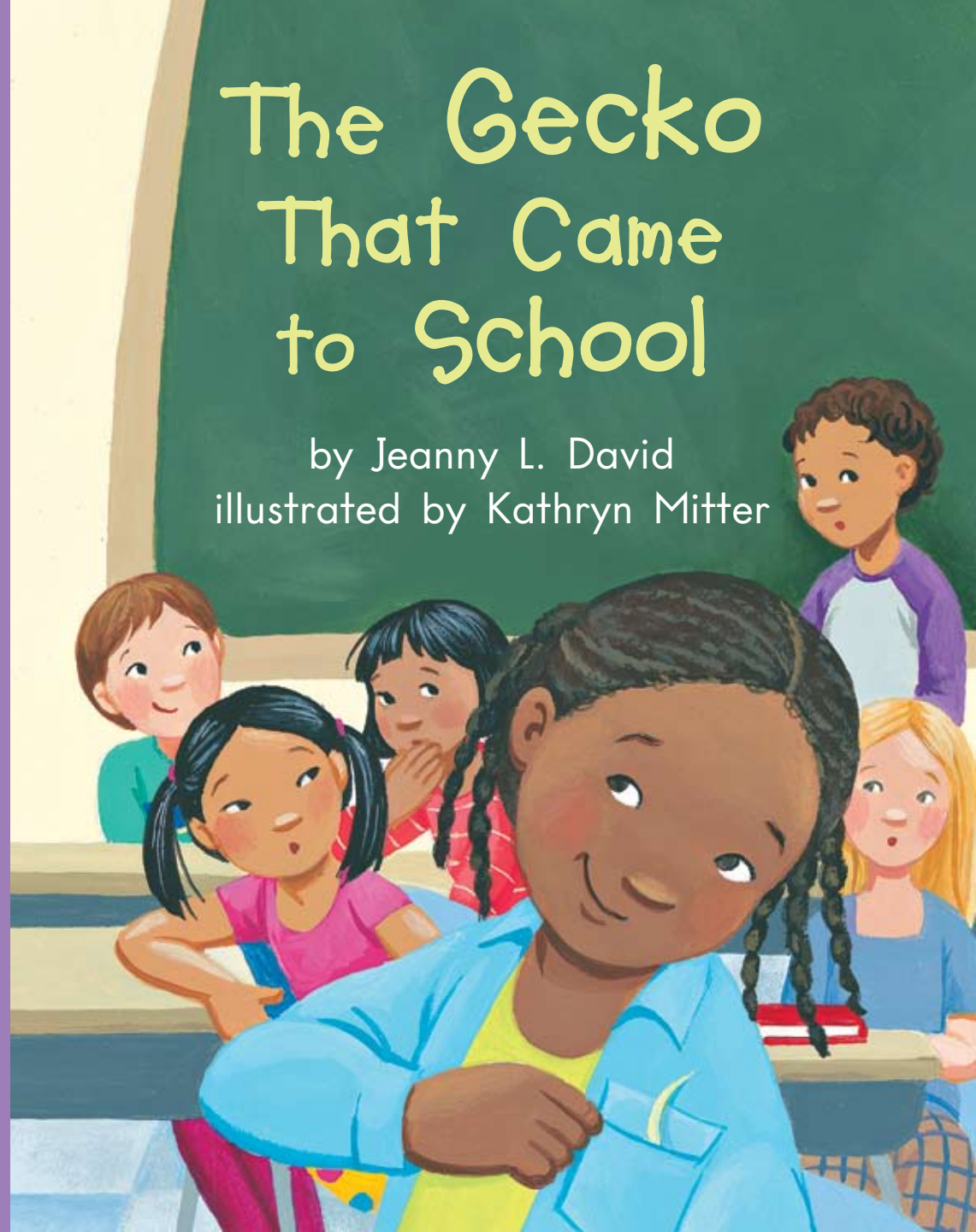


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Annie was peeking
into her pocket.

“What is in your pocket?”
asked Tess.

“Come and see,” said Annie.



Tess looked in Annie's pocket.
Jen and David looked, too.

“It's my new pet gecko,”
Annie said.

“He is cute,” said Jen.



“He *is* cute,” said David.
“But you can’t have a pet
in school.”

“Mrs. Peck will get mad,”
said Jen.

“I just had to bring him,”
Annie said.

“He is so much fun.
He is the best pet ever!
And he can run really fast.”



Just then, the gecko
showed them how fast
he could run.
He ran down Annie's arm.
He ran down Annie's leg.
Then he ran across the floor.



“Stop that gecko!” Annie yelled.

The kids tried
to catch the gecko.
But the little gecko
was too fast.
He ran out of the room.
Annie and her friends
ran after him.



“There he is!” said Tess.

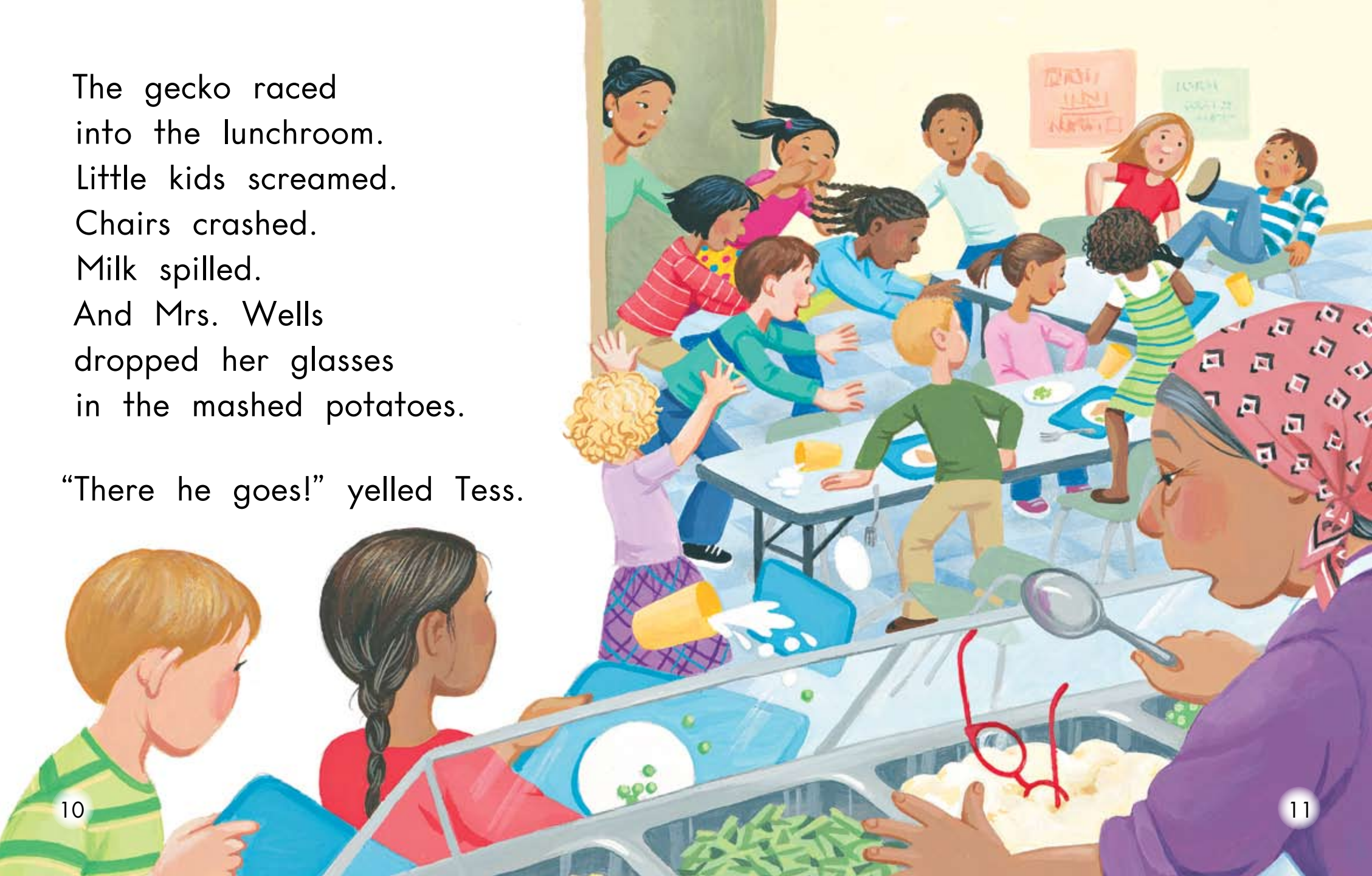
“Get him!” cried Annie.

Tess grabbed for the gecko.
David fell over Tess.
Jen fell over David.
And Annie tripped over
all of them.



The gecko raced
into the lunchroom.
Little kids screamed.
Chairs crashed.
Milk spilled.
And Mrs. Wells
dropped her glasses
in the mashed potatoes.

“There he goes!” yelled Tess.



The gecko ran
into the art room.
The art teacher screamed.
Papers flew.
Paint cans crashed.



“There he goes!” Tess yelled.

The gecko ran down the hall.
He ran back
into Mrs. Peck’s room.

“Get him!” cried Annie.



Mrs. Peck grabbed for
the gecko.
Tess fell over Mrs. Peck.
David fell over Tess.
Jen fell over David.
And Annie tumbled
on top of them all.

“I’m really sorry,”
Annie said.
“I just wanted
to show off my gecko.
Now look at us.”



Jen and David
could not stop giggling.

“That’s okay, Annie,” Tess said.
“That gecko is the best
pet ever!”

