

Name _____



The Cafeteria Detectives

In the bustling cafeteria of Lincoln Elementary School, something mysterious was happening. Desserts were vanishing, lunchboxes were disappearing, and students were left bewildered. But this was no ordinary school because at the heart of it all were two extraordinary lunch ladies - Mrs. Thompson and Mrs. Rodriguez.

Mrs. Thompson was known for her eagle eyes. She could spot a loose apple peel from across the room and knew if someone had tried to sneak extra cookies onto their tray. Mrs. Rodriguez, on the other hand, had an ear for whispers and a nose for sniffing out hidden treats. Together, they made a formidable team.

One sunny Wednesday afternoon, as they were cleaning up after lunch, Mrs. Thompson and Mrs. Rodriguez overheard a group of students whispering about the mystery of the disappearing desserts. They decided it was time to put their detective skills to use.

The lunch ladies began their investigation by carefully examining the dessert cart. They noticed that the chocolate chip cookies were missing. Instead of despairing, they decided to follow the cookie crumbs that led to the janitor's closet.

Inside the closet, they found Timmy, a mischievous student, surrounded by cookie wrappers. He confessed to taking the cookies and promised not to do it again. The lunch ladies, instead of scolding him, shared a few cookies and reminded him of the importance of asking for seconds.

The next day, as they were tidying up, Mrs. Thompson and Mrs. Rodriguez stumbled upon a lunchbox wedged behind some trays. Inside was a soggy sandwich, untouched fruit, and a note from Lily's mom, wondering why her daughter wasn't eating her lunch.

The lunch ladies knew they had another mystery on their hands. They decided to talk to Lily, who explained that her lunchbox had been accidentally knocked behind the trays. Mrs. Thompson and Mrs. Rodriguez made sure to put it back where it belonged and promised to keep an eye out for stray lunchboxes in the future.

Word of the lunch ladies' detective skills spread throughout the school, and soon, they became the go-to team for cafeteria mysteries. They solved lunchbox mix-ups, tracked down missing water bottles, and even found a lost library book hiding in a pile of napkins.

The students at Lincoln Elementary School learned that sometimes, the most unexpected heroes could be found in the most ordinary places, like the cafeteria. Mrs. Thompson and Mrs. Rodriguez continued to serve up delicious meals with a side of detective work, making the cafeteria a place of mystery, fun, and friendship.

