

EVERY SECOND COUNTS

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☆ A 5th Grade Friends Adventure ☆

NATE & NAOMI ♥



Mrs. Lawson loved giving her fifth-grade class projects that made them think.

One Monday morning, she wrote four words across the whiteboard: "TIME CHANGES EVERYTHING."



The students looked at one another.



☆ Mrs. Lawson placed several clocks on the front table...

Time never stopped moving.



"The clock never gets tired," Mrs. Lawson explained.

"It keeps moving whether you're sleeping, laughing, studying, or wasting time."



The students were divided into teams.

Nate and Naomi sat quietly thinking.

“There has to be something bigger,” Nate whispered.

Naomi nodded. “I think this project is about more than clocks.”



Mrs. Lawson continued speaking...
“You can only choose how you use it today.”

Nate and Naomi looked up
at the exact same moment.

It clicked.

This project wasn't about measuring time.

It was about valuing it. ✨



Instead of building an ordinary clock,
Nate and Naomi decided to design
something different.

“What if,” Naomi said, “we invent tools
that help people use their time better?”
Their notebooks quickly filled with sketches.

Be Kind
Be Curious
Be You!



Ideas
Start
Here.



Every afternoon, the two friends
couldn't wait to work together.
They researched famous inventors.
They learned how simple ideas
had changed the world.

Nate smiled.

“Helping people is probably
the best use of time.”





Soon their new way of thinking followed them home. ☆

Nate spent more time helping his grandfather...



They still had fun, but now they appreciated every moment a little more.



Naomi helped her younger brother build science kits.



Science Fair Day finally arrived.

Then Nate and Naomi stepped forward.

"Our invention isn't finished yet," Nate explained.

"But one day we want to create tools that help people save time so they can spend more of it with the people they love."



NATE ☆

- Curious
- Friendly
- Loves learning new things
- Aspires to be a scientist



Think
Create
Inspire

NAOMI ♥

- Thoughtful
- Creative
- Loves art and storytelling
- Aspires to be a writer/illustrator



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After the presentations, Mrs. Lawson smiled proudly.

☆ “You learned science,” she said,
“but you also learned something much bigger.”

She pointed to a clock. ☆

“What matters most is not how much time you have... but what you choose to do with it.” ♡



As the school year came to an end,
Nate and Naomi were still full of ideas.
They discovered that inventing wasn't
just about machines.
It was about making life better
for others.

"Ready for our next invention?"
Nate asked.

Naomi grinned.
"Absolutely."

Every new second was
another opportunity to
make a difference. ☆



Think
Create
Inspire

Big Ideas
Bright
Futures



What will
YOU
invent
next? ☆

Keep thinking.
Keep creating.
The best is yet to come! ♥