

LORGNETTE

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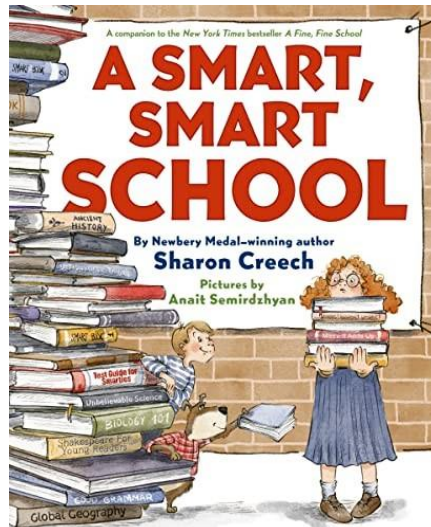
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Grade Level

1-3



Book Review: SMART, SMART SCHOOL, A

Mr. Keene is the principal of Fine Elementary School. He walks around the school and admires the wonderful students and teachers along with all the good work they are doing. Then Mr. Fine has a medical emergency and is taken to the hospital in an ambulance. Everyone is worried. Later, a new principal arrives, Mr. Tatters. He is very different from Mr. Fine. He is always correcting the teachers and the students. He does not enjoy their creativity and kindness. Soon the school is no longer a happy place. The students are busy making get well signs and art for Mr. Fine, but Mr. Tatters does not approve. The new school week starts, and the students are overwhelmed with all the tests Mr. Tatters is making them take. But on Saturday, the whole school goes to visit Mr. Fine. They can't go up to his hospital room, but they sing and display banners from below his window. Soon Mr. Fine is back at school, and once more the school is a very smart, smart school.

There is a lot of empathy in this beautifully written story by Sharon Creech. Use this to model empathy and good manners to your readers. This is a wonderful title to add to your picture book collection.

