

A's CLASS PLAYS
RUMOR HAS IT

Age Group: 5 - 12

Time: 5 minutes

Maximum Roles: 28

Lesson: Rumors

Synopsis: Mrs. Jay's 5th grade class is getting a new student! In the excitement and anticipation of her arrival, the students start spreading rumors about what she is like. The students learn about rumors and just how untrue they can be.

Scene 1
{Classroom}

TEACHER.
Before I dismiss you for recess, I have some very exciting news to share with you.

[The class buzzes with excitement.]

TEACHER.
We are getting a new student!

STUDENT 1.
A new student?

STUDENT 2.
Well, who is she?

TEACHER.
I don't have all the information yet, but I do know that her name is Frannie.

STUDENT 3.
Frannie? What kind of name is that!

[Class breaks out in laughter.]

TEACHER.
Now class, when Frannie comes tomorrow, I expect you all to welcome her and treat her with respect. Am I making myself clear?

EVERYONE.
Yes Mrs. Jay.

TEACHER.
Thank you. Class dismissed!

[Bell rings, everyone exits]

Scene 2
[On the Playground]

STUDENT 3.
Are you excited for the new student?

STUDENT 4.
I don't know. Frannie is a weird name, so she must be weird.

STUDENT 5.
Why is she coming to [insert school name] anyway?

STUDENT 3.
Maybe, she got expelled from her old school!

STUDENT 5.
For what?

STUDENT 4.
Maybe she smelled bad!

[Student 6 eavesdrops on the conversation, runs to other students]

STUDENT 6.
Hey guys! I just heard the new girl got expelled from her old school because she smelled so bad!

STUDENT 7.
No way!

STUDENT 6.
Yah! She knocked out the whole 3rd grade with her bad breath!

EVERYONE.
Eww!

[Student 8 eavesdrops on the conversation, runs to other students]

STUDENT 8.
I just heard the new girl knocked down the whole 3rd grade!

STUDENT 9.
WHOA! She must be a secret agent!

STUDENT 10.
Maybe she's coming here to rat us out when we misbehave!

[Student 11 eavesdrops, runs to other students]

STUDENT 11.
Guess what I just heard?

STUDENT 12.
What? Tell us!

STUDENT 11.
The new girl has a pet rat!

STUDENT 13.
EW! She probably does crazy experiments on it!

STUDENT 12
Yah! Frannie, the Mad Scientist!

[Everyone is abuzz talking about Frannie. Bell rings. Everyone Exits]

SCENE 2
{THE NEXT DAY}

[Enter STUDENT 13, 14,15]

STUDENT 13.
Are you ready to meet the new girl?

STUDENT 14.
NO WAY! I've heard some pretty crazy things about her!

STUDENT 15.
Like what?

STUDENT 14.
Well, I heard that she has a tail the size of the flagpole!

[KID 16 runs in]

STUDENT 16.
Yah! I even heard her best friend is a slimy, poisonous snake!

STUDENT 13.
That is ridiculous! Those are just rumors.

STUDENT 15.
What's a rumor?

STUDENT 13.
A rumor is when people make up stories that are usually not true. Rumors are mean and hurt other people's feelings. We haven't even met Frannie yet, so we shouldn't be spreading rumors about what she is like!

[Bell rings. Everyone takes their seats]

TEACHER.

Good morning class. Today we have a new student! Her name is Frannie. Why don't you introduce yourself to the class?

FRANNIE.

Hi everyone, my name is Frannie, but everyone calls me Fran. I just moved here from Washington.

STUDENT 17.

Is it true you are a secret agent with a pet snake and a rat who came here because you smell so bad?

TEACHER.

Where in the world did you hear such a thing?

STUDENT 17.

Everyone is talking about it!

TEACHER.

Class, I do not appreciate you spreading rumors about our new student. It is not a very nice thing to do. We should never judge others, especially before we have not even met them.

STUDENT 18.

So all that stuff isn't true?

FRANNIE.

Of course not! I'm actually afraid of rats and snakes, I shower everyday, and sadly I am not a secret agent.

TEACHER.

You see class? Frannie, why don't you tell the class what you really like?

FRANNIE.

Well, I like to read, play games and jump on my trampoline. I also play soccer. My team even went to the championships and won first place!

TEACHER.

You see class. Fran is nothing like your rumors. Can we all promise to never start rumors again?

EVERYONE.

Yes, Mrs. Jay.

TEACHER.

Good. Fran, Let's have you take a seat.

[Everyone waves their arms in the air, "Fran, over here." "Fran, come sit by me."

"There's an open seat here, Fran!"]

THE END.

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In your own words, what is a rumor?

How many people does it take to start a rumor?

Was Frannie at all like the rumors that were spread about her?

What would you do if you heard a rumor about someone?