RECESS!

Hey Emily! Wasn't that science test tricky?

Hey Kayla! Not as confusing as that last reading test.

Huh?!

*Oh yeah! That cyclops? I thought I would never get out of there.*

*June Rogers flew right at me! Without Ms. Palmer, I would have been toast.*

Wait what?! Ms. Palmer AGAIN?

Hm?! All I know is that when things get hard, something weird happens.

Oh! Like when you had to read out loud too.

Yeah, you're right! Hm? I wish I understood this.

Hey Stinky! Do you read as bad as you smell?!

Ha ha ha!

Did you hear that?
So can you read? I know you sure smell!

Let's see what is going on.

Bet you can't read that sign. Stinky baby does not know how to read!

Leave me alone, Travis.

We have to do something.

What?

Hey! Leave her alone!

Waaa Waaa Baby!
YOU ARE BOTH BABIES!

I SAID LEAVE HER ALONE OR WE'RE GOING TO TELL MS. PALMER.

CUT IT OUT TRAVIS! EVERYONE HAS SOMETHING THEY ARE NOT GOOD AT AND THAT IS OKAY!

SAY SORRY TO DILLON AND GO AWAY!

YOU'RE JUST BEING A BULLY AND IT'S NOT FUNNY!

WAAA WAAA, I THINK YOU ARE THE BIGGER STINKY BABY AROUND HERE!

OH MAN, LOOK AT THE BABY CRY!

COME ON, KAYLA. THIS BULLY IS NOT WORTH IT!
CAN YOU BELIEVE THAT? DID YOU SEE HOW HE LAUGHED AT ME?? HOW THEY ALL LAUGHED?!

I'M SORRY, KAYLA.

I JUST WANTED TO HELP DILLON.

YOU TRIED YOUR BEST, TRAVIS is a bully.

I KNOW. I JUST THOUGHT I COULD HELP HER LIKE MS. PALMER HELPED ME.

SHE ALWAYS KNOWS WHAT TO DO. LIKE ON YOUR ADVENTURES?

COME ON LITTLE BABY!

RIGHT! SHE ALWAYS KNOWS WHAT TO SAY TO HELP SOLVE THE PROBLEM.

I THOUGHT I COULD HELP DILLON THE SAME WAY.

YOU WERE VERY BRAVE, EVEN WITHOUT MS. PALMER.

THANKS.

YOU'RE MY BESTIE KAYLA.

YOU'RE MY BESTIE TOO.

IF ONLY SOMETHING FROM YOUR ADVENTURES COULD HELP SOMEHOW.
THAT'S IT! YOU ARE A GENIUS! I CAN USE SOMETHING FROM MY ADVENTURES!

I HAVE BEEN THINKING. I BRING SOMETHING OUT EVERY TIME I HAVE AN ADVENTURE.

OKAY... BUT WE ARE IN THE REAL WORLD RIGHT NOW.

RIGHT, BUT WHAT IF I COULD THINK ABOUT A STORY AND MAKE SOMETHING APPEAR? SOMETHING TO TEACH TRAVIS A LESSON.

LIKE WHAT?

FOLLOW ME! I THINK I HAVE A PLAN.
I don't know about this, Kayla.

Trust me, all I have to do is make one ball appear and fly at Travis.

Yeah but...

They will think a Four Square ball got loose. Then Dillon will have no chance to run. Will know it was me!

What if someone gets hurt?

No one will. I just want to scare him so he will leave Dillon alone.

I can do this. I know just the story. I'm already picturing the Dodge ball.

Okay, but be careful. Please.

Don't worry. I got this!
Duck!

AHH! YIKES!

KAYLA! WATCH OUT!
Ughh

What is going on out here!

Kayla, are you okay?

I think so...

Oh my! Are you okay, Travis?

Dillon, did you get hit too?

Yes, ma'am.

Everything okay over here Ms. Palmer?

Hey look what Kayla has!

No broken bones, just a few bumps and bruises.

What happened?

She threw those balls at me! She yelled at me too.

Is this true?

Well...

We better talk this out in the office.

Kayla, Emily, Travis and Dillon follow Principal Fazal.
Issue 3.5 Parent/Caregiver Resources

Kayla feels empathy toward Dillon when she gets bullied. To learn how to raise a caring child, see this information from PBS Parents:
https://www.pbs.org/parents/thrive/how-to_raise_a_caring_child

Kayla and Emily support Dillon when she gets bullied. To learn about books that strengthen kids’ social and emotional learning and deal with bullying, see this information from Reading Rockets:

Kayla was brave to confront Travis. To learn how to help a child be brave, see this information from PBS Parents:

Kayla’s plan to teach Travis a lesson backfires. To learn how to help kids resolve confrontations, see this information from Understood.org:
https://www.understood.org/en/friends-feelings/common-challenges/bullying/how-to-help-your-child-defend-against-bullies?_ul=1*1b7h8e1*domain_userid*YW1wLXJEdHFycEY4WENFMDcDZ0lwWGFMWXc.

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