

Because of Mr. Terupt: Character Introductions

Jessica: Hello students and staff, today I would like to introduce you to Jessica. Jessica is the new girl at Snow Hill School, so she is having a hard time adjusting. Jessica had been living in California, but once her parents got divorced her mom moved her to Connecticut. Needless to say it is going to be difficult for her to fit in. She is a very smart and friendly girl who LOVES to read. I think you will really like this character in the book.

Alexia: Hello Everyone! This is Alexia, better known as "Lexie." She is the popular girl in school but better known for being the "mean girl." She is your friend one second and your enemy the next. Lexie wears really stylish clothes such as boas, leopard print and rock star purple lip gloss. She is often bossy to all the other students and likes to start drama among all girls which causes a lot of problems in the classroom. Usually there is a reason why people feel the need to act this way. As you read you will find out why Lexie acts the way she does. Most importantly Lexie learns some valuable lessons about the way she treats people.

Peter: Hi Lincoln students! I get the privilege of introducing you to Peter. Peter is the kind of student you dread in your class. He is the troublemaker and prankster. You can't ever turn your back on him because you know he is always up to no good. In fact, it gets really annoying after a while. In the story Peter really makes a special connection with a certain student, one that I think will surprise you! It is the one student that helps the whole class begin to accept Peter after learning his lesson the hard way!

Luke: Well Luke is the kind of student you hope is sitting next to you in class because he always knows the answer. Yup, you guessed it! Luke is the brainiac! He of course loves school and loves his teachers. He is always serious which makes him an easy target to get picked on. And does he ever get picked on in this book. I am sure you can imagine what character is the one who picks on him. Oh yeah, if you haven't figured out what the words in Times Square have in common. Pay attention to Luke's chapters. All of those words are mentioned by him! Why....well because they are all dollar words! You will find out all about dollar words once you start reading.

Anna: Hi LMS students! I would like to introduce you to Anna. I am sure we all know someone like Anna in our classrooms. Anna is really shy. Anna is also a very sensitive person and because of this she never stands up for herself, even when girls like Lexie are mean to her over and over. You will learn that Anna is being raised by a single mom who is an amazing woman. Well, not everyone thought she was amazing because they had judged her mom without ever getting to know her. What is most amazing is that Anna ends up making some great friends and more importantly people stop judging her mom for the choices she made in life.

Danielle: Hello everyone! This is Danielle. Danielle is an amazing person, but unfortunately it takes a while for the other students to realize how amazing Danielle is. Why...well Danielle is a plain jane kind of girl who is a little chubby. Should that matter....no but to some of the students it did. Unlike Anna who only lives with her mom, Danielle lives on a farm with her parents, her brother, and her grandparents. She knows so much from growing up on a farm. You were probably wondering about those plants in Times Square. Well, the students got the opportunity to feed their plants anything they wanted as part of a science experiment. Since Danielle knows so much about plants and animals her plant ended up growing the best. This is a great thing because Danielle needs to have more confidence in herself. Instead of talking with other students about how she feels she prays to god for help. The best part about this book is Danielle helps to teach her whole family a lesson!

Jeffery: Hi Lincoln Students and Staff! I am honored to introduce you to Jeffrey. Jeffrey is a great person, but he carries a secret with him about his life throughout the book that makes him a loner. He is a very sad person who is almost invisible to others. Because of the burden of his secret happening at home Jeffrey hates school and everything having to do with it. Fortunately, Jeffrey starts to confide in Jessica and shares his secret. This allows Jeffrey to begin to live again. Thank goodness for kind people like Jessica who reach out to others. Without Jessica I don't know if Jeffrey would ever experience happiness again!

Mr. Terupt: Hi Everyone! Last but not least, I get to introduce you to the teacher who changes these 7 students' lives forever. His name is Mr. Terupt! Mr. Terupt is their new and energetic teacher, who seems to know how to deal with them all. He makes the classroom a fun place, even if he doesn't let them get away with much. In fact he is the reason for all those paper links hanging in Times Square. Did you notice all those links? Mr Terupt gives the students a paper link each time they have a good day as an entire class. He promised the students they could do a special event once the links reached all the way from the top of the chalkboard to the floor. Amazingly, it took the students until February to earn this privilege. And what privilege did they choose? They chose to have a day outside to play in the snow . . . it was this snowy winter day when an accident changes everything—and everyone.