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When you think of a family,  
you might picture one in a house:



A mom, a dad, a couple of kids,  
plus their dogs and a pet mouse.



Perhaps you think of Grandma



or a stepmom and stepdad.

It could be those 14 cousins



or that twin who makes you mad.





But family doesn't have to be  
who you're related to.



It can be another special group  
who love and care for you.





Have you ever thought about  
where most of your time is spent?  
It's at school with all of us.  
That's where all those hours went!



So if our classroom is the place  
where we spend our days,



why wouldn't we want to make it like a home in  
many ways?



It's a place where we can show respect and kindness to each other, a spot where we can be ourselves and make memories with one another.





We'll have things in common,  
these are connections that we'll seek.



But we'll still celebrate our differences  
and what makes us each unique.



Our classroom is a special haven  
where it's okay to make mistakes.



We learn from them and try again,  
no matter what it takes.



We'll all have tough days sometimes,  
but your teacher is here for you.

And as long as you're a friend to others,  
your peers will be there too.





In this classroom of four walls,  
we will stick together.



We'll help each other learn and grow  
in any kind of weather.



So let's always remember  
what a great team we can be.  
You have our back, and we have  
yours. We're a classroom family.

