



Parry Mecium



Gina Euglena



Andy O'Moeba



Does it ever seem like you live your life under a microscope?

Meet three friends who know exactly how you feel. They may be single-celled organisms living on a microscope slide in a lab, but take a closer look and you will see they have more in common with us than meets the eye.

Parry Mecium

Parry can sometimes be the single-celled bull in a china shop. He means well and he certainly likes his friends, but it doesn't always come across that way. We all know someone like Parry, and sometimes we may be the one acting like Parry and not even know it.

Gina Euglena

Gina often plays the role of big sister to Andy, and she looks to keep him out of harm's way. Sometimes that means Gina is the one who ends up in harm's way - or in Parry's way. She may have a little bit of a temper, but she is all heart.

Andy O'Moeba

Andy is the youngster, and it shows. He is lovable, curious and a bit of a troublemaker. He isn't afraid to try new things (most of the time), and he isn't afraid to show his emotions. He isn't afraid to eat, either!

Episode 2

Moving to a New School

What is it like to move to a new school? Exciting? Scary? Fun? Difficult? For most kids who go through a move, it's all of the above. Moving is a lot of work for adults and for kids, and starting a new school filled with new people can be overwhelming.

Fortunately, our microscopic friends have a few ideas for making the move more fun and exciting - and less scary and difficult. Chances are good that there are kids in the classroom today who have made this move, and there are more kids who will be experiencing a change of scenery somewhere down the road. Feel free to use the Cartoonversation™ Card to explore this topic a bit more. As always, enjoy Rocketoons and enjoy the kids.

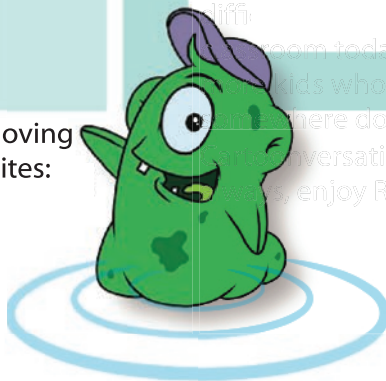
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Five Websites

For more information on dealing with moving to a new school, please visit these websites:

1. GreatSchools.org
2. Care.com
3. KidsHealth.org
4. ParentCenterHub.org
5. PublicSchoolReview.org



Five Cartoonversation™ Starters

1. What can you do to welcome a new student/classmate?

2. Have you ever moved to a new school? What was that like?

3. Are any of your classmates from a different school?

4. What could be fun about moving to a new school?

5. Have you ever had a friend move away to a new school?

Five Factoids

1. Moving to a new school is an opportunity to live in and learn about a new city/state/country.
2. Approximately one-fifth (20%) of all Americans will move every year.
3. Setting up your new bedroom to look like your old bedroom can help bring a sense of familiarity to your new home.
4. Many kids find it helpful to maintain contact with friends and family from the old school. It's okay to keep those relationships after the move.
5. Find out about the new school's routine (locker location, bus stop) before starting school to help reduce first-day jitters.