

DANIEL TIGER'S NEIGHBORHOOD

"The Last Day of School"

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LOGLINE: Daniel is excited about summer break, but that means his fun times at school are coming to an end. When Teacher Harriet shows Daniel that being sad something ending actually means you had a good time, Daniel sets out to have the most grrr-ific last day of school ever!

EXT. SCHOOL - DAY

We pan past some palm trees to find DANIEL TIGER at the front door of his schoolhouse.

DANIEL TIGER

(to cam)

Hi, Neighbor! It's me, Daniel Tiger. I just got to school. Come inside!

He gestures with his paw for us to follow him inside.

INT. SCHOOL - CONTINUOUS

We follow Daniel as he places his backpack into his cubby hole.

TEACHER HARRIET (O.S.)

Class, it's circle time!

Daniel beams. His ears twitch with excitement.

DANIEL TIGER

(to cam)

That's Teacher Harriet! I love having circle time *every single day!* Let's go!

Daniel scurries over to the circle.

INT. SCHOOL - CLASSROOM - CONTINUOUS

Daniel settles into the circle next to KATERINA KITTYCAT as Teacher Harriet motions for all the students to sit and join circle time.

TEACHER HARRIET

Tomorrow, we all start our summer break.

Katerina raises her paw.

KATERINA KITTYCAT

What's summer break meow meow?

TEACHER HARRIET

It's time that it set aside for you to enjoy the summer. To play outside, go swimming...

Daniel smiles and interjects:

DANIEL TIGER  
 ...and go to Jungle Beach?!

TEACHER HARRIET  
 Yes, Daniel! Many people love going  
 for a swim at Jungle Beach on a  
 hot, summer day.  
 (beat)  
 The start of summer break tomorrow  
 also means that *today* is the last  
 day of school.

Oh no. Daniel's smile fades to a frown.

DANIEL TIGER  
 But I don't want school to end. We  
 do so many fun things at school. We  
 play and read together and sing our  
 ABC's.

O THE OWL stretches his wings out wide.

O THE OWL  
 ...and we have circle time like  
 this!

KATERINA KITTYCAT  
 I like eating lunch every day at  
 school with my friends meow meow.

DANIEL TIGER  
 <SIGHS> I like that too, Katerina.

Daniel looks up at Teacher Harriet with big, hopeful eyes.

DANIEL TIGER (CONT'D)  
 Teacher Harriet, can we go to  
 school *and* have summer break?

Teacher Harriet shakes her head thoughtfully.

TEACHER HARRIET  
 No, Daniel. It's called "summer  
 break" because you get a "break"  
 from school.  
 (sings)  
*When the school year ends, summer  
 begins.*

PRINCE WEDNESDAY raises his hand confidently.

PRINCE WEDNESDAY  
 But we will still see you every  
 day, rrrright, Teacher Harriet?

TEACHER HARRIET  
 Not every day like during the  
 school year, Prince Wednesday.

Daniel's ears slope downward. Prince Wednesday <SIGHS>.

DANIEL TIGER  
 Oh. That makes me really sad. I'll  
 miss school.

TEACHER HARRIET  
 Sometimes, it's actually a good  
 thing to be sad. That just means  
 that you had a really good time at  
 school.

(sings)

*When you'll miss something, that  
 means you love something.*

Daniel starts to perk up a bit. He likes the sound of that.

DANIEL TIGER  
 (sings)  
*When you'll miss something, that  
 means you love something.*

(beat)

So if today is our very last day of  
 school before summer break, what if  
 we made it the best day ever?

TEACHER HARRIET  
 Yes, Daniel, we're going to make  
 today very special to celebrate  
 what a good time we had all year.  
 That way, you will have even more  
 fun memories from school all summer  
 long!

KATERINA KITTYCAT  
 <Giggle> That sounds really fun  
 meow meow!

DANIEL TIGER  
 (to cam) Do you think we should  
 have a fun last day of school?

(beat)

Me, too. Let's do it!

INT. SCHOOL - PLAY AREA

We see Daniel and his classmates at tables in their classroom play area. Teacher Henrietta sprays shaving cream on Daniel's table. We cut in tightly to the white, foamy shaving cream as the canister makes a loud <SHAVING CREAM SOUND>.

We see Daniel, Katerina and O the Owl as their eyes widen.

DANIEL TIGER

<Giggles> Whoa, what is that stuff?!

KATERINA KITTYCAT

It makes such a funny sound!

(imitating)

SSCHSHSHSHS!

O the Owl joins in.

O THE OWL

SSCHSHSHHSHOOH!

The group <giggles> as they imitate the sound of the shaving cream.

Daniel sticks his finger in the foam and holds it up in front of his face.

DANIEL TIGER

Hey, I think Dad Tiger uses this stuff in the mornings to shave his fur!

TEACHER HARRIET

Ha ha, yes, Daniel. This is shaving cream! Since it's the last day of school, we are going to do a classroom clean-up. And we clean our desks with shaving cream!

Teacher Henrietta proceeds to rub her hands in the foamy shaving cream. Whoa! Adults can be messy, too!

DANIEL TIGER

That's so cool, Teacher Henrietta. And I can make my paws messy in the shaving cream, like you?

TEACHER HARRIET

Go ahead, Daniel!

Daniel starts to play with the shaving cream, moving it in fun circles around his desk. Katerina and O the Owl join in as they all <giggle> and <gasp> excitedly.

DANIEL TIGER

Ha ha! This is fun! I feel like I'm playing in the snow!

This gives Daniel an idea! He smiles and wiggles his ears.

DANIEL TIGER (CONT'D)

(to cam)

Hey! Do you wanna play make believe with me?

(beat)

Let's pretend...that we are playing in a winter wonderland full of snow!

**IMAGINATION MOMENT:**

We use the signature sparkle effect to transition to the world of Daniel's imagination and we're transported to a snowy mountain top. We see a wooden sign that says SHAVING CREAM MOUNTAIN stuck haphazardly in the snow. Daniel pops up from under a pile of snow with a red sled. His red sweater has been replaced with a red parka. He flies down the mountain on his sled. We follow him down the mountain as he zig-zags through the trees with ease! Did he just pass a moose?! It bellows goofily as he sleds past it.

Sparkles fill the screen then reveal DANIEL building a snow man with Katerina. He places a carrot in the snowman's face and the snowman comes to life! Daniel, Katerina and the SNOWMAN all dance together.

Sparkles fill the screen and we transition to Daniel and Katerina having a snowball fight! Daniel rolls up a HUGE snowball and throws it right at the camera!

**A Celebration of:** Adventure!

**Musical Inspiration:** "Santa Tell Me"

-Ariana Grande

**Lyrical Inspiration:** "We'll dance and play in the shaving cream snow, but after today, it's onto summer break we go! No more cold winter mountains, just hot summer days! I can't wait for summer to play-play-play!"

**Singer:** Daniel Tiger, Katerina Kittycat

IMAGINATION MOMENT ENDS.

INT. SCHOOL - CLASSROOM - CONTINUOUS

DANIEL TIGER

(to cam)  
Wasn't that grr-ific?! And [shrugs  
shoulders as if he is cold] brrr-  
ific? <giggle>

We cut to the desks. Daniel leans into frame.

DANIEL TIGER (CONT'D)

And look! Our desks are sparkly  
clean!

The desks sparkle and shine with flair, and make a <SPARKLY  
SOUND>.

TEACHER HARRIET

Great job, Daniel! Now, we are  
going to clean up all the toys in  
the play area.

Daniel is catching on.

DANIEL TIGER

So everything is clean in the  
classroom for next year!

TEACHER HARRIET

That's right, Daniel. Let's make it  
a fun game out it! How many toys  
can you find?

DANIEL

(to cam)  
How many toys do you see in the  
play area?

We cut to the play area and see hints of toys hidden behind  
different pieces of furniture. As Daniel counts the toys,  
the toys light up one by one:

Daniel spots a red ball behind a desk chair. A doll atop a  
table. A book on the floor. A soccer ball rolling out of a  
cubby hole.

DANIEL TIGER (V.O.)

One...two...three...four! I see  
four toys I can clean up!

Daniel scurries over to the toys, gathers them in his arms, and puts them away in a toy bin, counting as he goes.

DANIEL TIGER  
One...two...three...four. Ta-da!

We hear a school bell <RING>.

TEACHER HARRIET (O.S.)  
Recess, everyone!

DANIEL TIGER  
Yay!

(beat)

Daniel has another sad realization.

DANIEL TIGER (CONT'D)  
Oh. It's my lass recess.

(sings to himself)  
*When you'll miss something, that  
means you love something.*

He gives us a small smile.

DANIEL TIGER (CONT'D)  
(to cam)  
Let's make this the *best* recess  
ever!

EXT. SCHOOL - PLAYGROUND - CONTINUOUS

Daniel skips up to Katerina, who is blowing a big, shiny bubble with a bubble wand.

DANIEL TIGER  
Whoa, Katerina! What's that?!

KATERINA KITTYCAT  
Since it's the last day of school,  
Teacher Henrietta is helping us  
make it *extra special* with special  
activities. I'm blowing bubbles  
with this bubble wand! Watch!

She blows a really big bubble. We follow it as it floats right over Daniel's face, magnifying his face to silly proportions.



POP! The bubbles pops in front of his face, causing Katerina and Daniel to <giggle>.

DANIEL TIGER

Can I try?

KATERINA KITTYCAT

Sure! Just blow, like this.

She mimics blowing a bubble in a fun, exaggerated way.

Daniel mimics Katerina. We hear him make a blowing sound, too.

Katerina hands Daniel the bubble wand and he blows a big bubbles. We follow it up in the sky until it pops with a loud <POP SOUND>.

DANIEL TIGER

That's such a fun sound. Pop-pop-pop!

(to cam)

Can you make the sound of a bubble popping?

KATERINA KITTYCAT

(singing)

*Pop-pop-pop! I don't wanna stop!*

Daniel dances and <HUMS> along.

Prince Wednesday walks up to Daniel with purpose.

PRINCE WEDNESDAY

Daniel, I would like to rrrroyally invite you to join me on the slide.

Daniel looks worried.

DANIEL TIGER

(to cam)

I've never been down the slide before. It goes so fast!

He thinks for a beat.

DANIEL TIGER (CONT'D)

But since it's the last day of school, maybe it's time to try it. Then, I'll have a fun, *new* memory of school all summer long! What do you think?

(beat)

He turns to Prince Wednesday.

DANIEL TIGER (CONT'D)  
 (bravely) Okay, Prince Wednesday!  
 Let's go down the slide!

We see Prince Wednesday climb the slide. He flies down it.

PRINCE WEDNESDAY  
 WAHOOOOOOOOO!

We see Daniel's POV of the slide as he looks up at it, towering over us. It looks really, really tall!

DANIEL TIGER  
 I am a little bit scared to go down  
 the slide. But  
 (singing)  
*It's the last day, so my very last  
 time at school...to be brave!*

He climbs the slide as the anticipation builds. Prince Wednesday waves to him from down below.

Daniel lets out a big, brave <SIGH>.

DANIEL TIGER (CONT'D)  
 Okay. I'm going to do it.  
 (to camera)  
 But I need a little help from you!  
 Can you count to three with me?  
 (beat)  
 One...two...three! Wahoo!

Daniel slides down the slide with a big smile on his face!

He gets to the bottom and Prince Wednesday gives him a high five.

DANIEL TIGER (CONT'D)  
 That was so fun, Prince Wednesday!  
 (to cam)  
 I can't believe I was brave enough  
 to go down the slide! This makes  
 today *even more special!*

Teacher Harriet walks up to Katerina and Daniel with her hands behind her back and a smile on her face.

TEACHER HARRIET  
 And since it's the last day of  
 school...everyone gets a treat.  
 Popsicles!

Teacher Harriet dramatically presents a few colorful popsicles to Daniel and Katerina. They both <GASP>.

DANIEL TIGER

(to cam)

We usually don't get to have popsicles at school. But I guess since it's the last day of school, we get to do all these special things, like eat popsicles!

TEACHER HARRIET

What flavor of popsicle would you like, Daniel?

We focus in on a red, green, and blue popsicle.

DANIEL TIGER

(to cam)

Which color do you like the most?

Daniel turns to Teacher Harriet.

DANIEL TIGER (CONT'D)

I usually would pick a red popsicle. It's my favorite color! It's red like my shoes. And my sweater. And trolley! But since it's the last day of school and I want to try new things, I'll do something different!

TEACHER HARRIET

Good choice, Daniel. I like that idea!

Daniel selects a yellow popsicle.

DANIEL TIGER

I'll pick yellow, because it reminds me of the sun and the summer days we will have soon!

TEACHER HARRIET

And lemon is a great flavor!

Katerina interjects politely.

KATERINA KITTYCAT

Green for me please, meow meow! I like green, because it's the color of my eyes!

She holds up a popsicle to her eyes. They are the same vibrant green color!

Daniel and Katerina lick their popsicles.

DANIEL TIGER  
I've never tasted anything like this! It makes my tongue feel funny!

Daniel <GIGGLES>.

TEACHER HARRIET  
That's a sour flavor, Daniel!

DANIEL TIGER  
I like it! It's fun to try new things.  
(to cam)  
Do you like trying new things?

We hear the school bell <RING> O.C.

DANIEL TIGER (CONT'D)  
(to cam)  
That means it's nap time! <YAWNS> and I'm *really* tired from that fun recess. We blew bubbles, and ate popsicles, and went down the slide!  
(beat)  
Do you want to come inside with me for nap time?  
(beat)  
Let's go!

INT. SCHOOL - NAP TIME AREA - CONTINUOUS

We see Daniel and his friends getting ready for nap time as they roll out their sleeping bags on the floor.

Daniel nestles himself into a sleeping bag. Teacher Henrietta gives his fuzzy head a little pat-pat.

TEACHER HARRIET  
Maybe for nap time, we can all dream about what we'll do over the summer.

We focus on Daniel as his eyes grow heavy and finally close.

We transition into a DREAM SEQUENCE.

DREAM SEQUENCE:

We see Daniel sleeping, then fade to his dream sequence. He dreams about going to the beach with with DAD TIGER, MOM TIGER AND BABY MARGARET and he shows Baby Margaret how to make a sandcastle. She claps wildly. Daniel points out to the sea and we see dolphins leaping in the air with <EXCITED SQUEAKS>.

We see Katerina sleeping soundly, then fade to her dream sequence. Katerina is on a camping trip with HENRIETTA PUSSYCAT as they go fishing on a dock. Katerina leans into Henrietta and Henrietta nuzzles her forehead.

We see O the OWL sleeping, then fade to his dream sequence. He is playing pirates with Prince Wednesday at his castle. They <LAUGH> as they play.

We see Prince Wednesday sleeping, then fade to his dream sequence. He is having the same dream as O the Owl!

DREAM SEQUENCE ENDS.

Daniel groggily wakes up.

DANIEL TIGER

(to camera)

Even though I will miss school, my dream reminded me that I have such a fun time ahead! That makes me feel a little bit better about the school year ending.

INT. SCHOOL - CIRCLE AREA

We see the students back in circle time.

TEACHER HARRIET

You have all grown so much this year, and you should feel very proud of yourselves. Why don't we go around the circle and say one thing we are proud of? Who wants to start?

Katerina throws her paw up in the air. Teacher Harriet motions at her to speak.

KATERINA KITTYCAT

I'm proud of myself because I learned how to spell and write my name!

She holds up a paper with her name written on it in green lettering.

TEACHER HARRIET  
That's great, Katerina!

O THE OWL  
I learned how to tie my shoo-hoo-  
hooes! It's easy when you make your  
laces bunny ears! Hop-hop!

He wiggles his feet in the air. The class giggles.

Daniel raises a paw and Teacher Harriet motions at him to speak.

DANIEL TIGER  
I was brave enough to go down the  
slide. I wasn't brave enough to do  
that at the beginning of the school  
year!

Prince Wednesday proudly stands with confidence. His hands are on his hips as he proclaims:

PRINCE WEDNESDAY  
...and I am proud of myself because  
this year at school, I rrrroyally  
learned my ABC's!

Prince Wednesday clears his throat dramatically.

PRINCE WEDNESDAY (CONT'D)  
(singing)  
A, B, C, D, E, F, G...

Daniel joins in.

DANIEL TIGER  
(singing)  
H, I, J, K, L-M-N-O-P!

O the Owl joins in.

O THE OWL  
(singing)  
Q-R-S-T-U-V!

KATERINA KITTYCAT  
W! X! meow! Y and Z!

The whole class sings together:

CLASS  
Now we know our ABC'S! Next time  
won't you sing with me.

The class claps and laughs together.

TEACHER HARRIET

You all learned your ABC's this year, and I am so, so proud of every one of you for doing that.

EXT. SCHOOL - DAY

We see Teacher Henrietta at the entrance of school as she hugs the students to say their goodbyes. She gives Prince Wednesday a squeeze.

TEACHER HARRIET

I will miss you all very, very much.

Daniel walks up to her and she kneels to get down to his level. They hug.

DANIEL TIGER

I will miss you, too, Teacher. Henrietta. I feel a little bit sad again.

TEACHER HARRIET

That's okay, Daniel.  
(singing)  
When you'll miss something...that means you love something.

DANIEL TIGER

I do love school a lot. So I guess I should be kind of happy that I am sad. It means I had a really fun time at school.

(to cam)

And we made so many fun memories today. It was a special last day of school.

TEACHER HARRIET

And remember: Summer break is only a break. Even though you won't see me tomorrow, you'll see me soon.

Daniel's ears perk up and wiggle.

DANIEL TIGER

Really?! So...a break means that school doesn't end forever?

TEACHER HARRIET  
 Exactly, Daniel.  
 (singing)  
 When summer break ends...school  
 begins!

Daniel and Katerina join in.

DANIEL TIGER/KATERINA  
 (singing)  
 When summer break ends, school  
 begins!

DANIEL TIGER  
 That makes me feel a whole lot  
 better!

DAD TIGER appears from the trolley. They ugga mugga.

DAD TIGER  
 How was my fuzzy wuzzy guy's last  
 day of school?

DANIEL TIGER  
 It was so much fun, Dad! We cleaned  
 our desks with shaving cream, the  
 stuff you use on your face!

DAD TIGER  
 <Chuckles> That sure does sound  
 fun, Daniel.  
 (beat)  
 And now, we have a whole summer of  
 fun ahead of us!

DANIEL TIGER  
 I can't wait to do so many fun  
 things over the summer.  
 (to cam)  
 Will you do fun things over the  
 summer?

The trolley flashes and beeps behind Dad Tiger.

DAD TIGER  
 Okay, Daniel, it's time to say  
 goodbye to Teacher Harriet. Wave  
 goodbye!

Daniel waves goodbye to Teacher Harriet.

DANIEL TIGER  
 Goodbye, Teacher Harriet! Even  
 though I won't see you tomorrow...  
 (MORE)



## DANIEL TIGER (CONT'D)

(singing)

*I'll see you soon!*

We transition to the Remember Together Song.

## REMEMBER TOGETHER SONG:

-> Daniel is sad about the school year ending, but Teacher Harriet tells him to remember all the good times he had at school. Daniel remembers a time at school where he went down the slide with Prince Wednesday. He is sad about not being able to color at school anymore, so he remembers coloring with Katerina and it makes him happy.

-> Katerina remembers a time when she played dress up with Daniel and O the Owl. They dressed up like pirates and then they colored with crayons. They pretended the crayons were swords as they fought like pirates! It was such a fun time.

-> O the Owl remembers a time at school where he played hopscotch at recess with Prince Wednesday. He remembers hugging Teacher Harriet at the end of school and it makes him so happy.

-> Prince Wednesday remembers circle time with all of his classmates. He remembers singing and clapping in the circle together and having so much.

Musical Inspiration: "Do You Remember" - Jack Johnson

Lyrical Inspiration: "When school is over and you feel sad, remember all the times that made you glad!"

Singer: Daniel Tiger

REMEMBER TOGETHER SONG ENDS.

## EXT. BEACH - DAY

Daniel is at the beach with Dad Tiger, Mom Tiger and Baby Margaret. They are building a sandcastle just like in his dream.

Baby Margaret claps and babbles as Daniel adds the finishing touches to his beautiful sand castle.

## DANIEL TIGER

I'm already having so much fun over my summer break. and I have all my memories from school to think about whenever I am feeling sad.

(rubs nose to cam)

Ugga Mugga!

He gets a little bit of sand on the camera! It makes Daniel giggle.

END.