

# A BAD DAY AT SCHOOL

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I had a bad day at school, Ama,  
A kid called me a "Dirty Mexican,"  
When I answered him in Spanish,  
The teacher hit my knuckles with a ruler,  
I heard the whoosh of air,  
I braced for pain,  
There was a crack and my knuckles stung,  
"No Spanish!" was all my teacher said.  
I got into a fight with a big kid,  
He tripped me,  
He made fun of me,  
The teacher broke us up,  
As I walked alone to the office,  
I spat to get the taste of dirt  
Out of my mouth.  
That kid tripped me.  
Why wasn't he punished?  
Ama, do I have to go to school tomorrow?