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# A FINE, FINE SCHOOL

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**M**r. Keene was a principal who loved his school. Every morning he strolled down the hallway and saw the children in their classes. He saw them learning shapes and colors and numbers and letters. He saw them reading and writing and drawing and painting. He saw them making dinosaurs and forts and pyramids.

"Oh!" he would say. "Aren't these fine children? Aren't these fine teachers? Isn't this a fine, fine school?"





Near Mr. Keene's school, Tillie lived with her parents and her brother and her dog, Beans, in a small house next to a big tree.





**On Mondays and Tuesdays and Wednesdays and Thursdays and Fridays, Tillie went off to school.**







*Our Principal*



One day, Mr. Keene called all the students and teachers together and said,  
"This is a fine, fine school! From now on, let's have school on Saturdays too."

And then there was more.

School all weekend.

School on the holidays.

School in the SUMMER!

What was next . . .

SCHOOL AT NIGHT?



So it's up to Tillie to show her well-intentioned principal, Mr. Keene, that even though his fine, fine school is a wonderful place, it's not fine, fine to be there all the time.



Newbery Medal-winning author Sharon Creech and celebrated *New Yorker* cartoonist Harry Bliss team up in this charming and hilarious book about what happens when the love of learning goes too far.

"This book has it all: a fine, fresh idea; a witty text that's fun to read aloud; and intelligent, amusing art." —*ALA Booklist* (starred review)

"This timely story touches a nerve with a kindly delivery."  
—*Publishers Weekly* (starred review)

"Definitely a fine, fine book." —*The New York Times Book Review*

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