Hello, My Name Is... (Part I)
We always try to establish relationships with our students and their families. During a routine parent-teacher conference, our guidance counselor learned that one of our students had a younger brother named Germany. At a follow-up meeting with the parents, she cheerfully greeted them with, “Good morning! How is Berlin doing?”

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Hello, My Name Is... (Part II)
My sister was talking to her son, Andrew, one afternoon as they waited for his sister Kendra to get out of school. She asked, “Andrew, what is Mommy going to do next year when Kendra is in first grade and you go to kindergarten?”
“I’m not going to Kendra-garten, I’m going to Andrew-garten!” he replied.

Marcy Brueggen, Retired Principal

The Magic Word?
When I was an elementary school principal, we kept expensive audiovisual equipment in a locked room. One day a student came in and demanded, “Gimme the key to the AV Room!” I explained that he would get the key a lot sooner if he would use a magic word. From the boy’s puzzled expression, I might as well have been speaking Greek. All of a sudden his face broke into a big smile. “Open Sesame!” he said.

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Self-Diagnosis
A first grader came to the health room, explaining that he felt a pain in his hip. “I think I have hip-nosis,” he said.

Beth Carlson, Principal
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Older and Wiser
A kindergarten girl showed up in a first-grade classroom and asked the teacher where her seat was. The teacher told her that she should be in the kindergarten room, but the little girl insisted that she should be in first grade. It turned out that it was her birthday and she had been told that when she turned six, it was time to go to first grade.

Bill Rich, Principal
McFall Elementary School
Middleville, Michigan

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“Are you in the experimental or the control group?”