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Adapted from the original text, *Aly Cat Takes Over First Grade!* By, Ellen Leroe
Aly Cat woke up and grabbed her pet goldfish. Aly Cat scared her sister Merry with a toy shark. Merry was angry and yelled at Aly Cat.
Today is the first day of first grade and Aly Cat wants to wear flippers to school but mom makes Aly cat put shoes on. Aly Cat’s dad dropped her off at school. He said “Have fun Aly Cat Cutie” before he left.

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Two boys named Aiden and Sean made fun of Aly Cat.

Aiden called her Aly Cat Cootie. Aly Cat yelled at them to stop.

but Aiden and Sean kept yelling Aly Cat Cootie over and over. This made Aly want to cry!
Aly Cat found her friend Brittany in their classroom. Aly Cat's teacher, Ms. Spangler, asked the girls to find their seats. Aly Cat was upset because Brittany wanted to sit near the class pet rat and not Aly Cat.
Aly Cat's three table partners made her bad mood worse.

Deloris told on Aly for talking during story time. Deloris called Aly Cat a Wordy birdy in front of the class. Aly Cat yelled that Deloris was a yucky ducky. All the kids laughed. Then Aiden called her Aly cat cootie again. Ms. Spangler yelled and Aly Cat was angry.
Ms. Spangler read the book *Chrysanthemum* and Deloris said that was a dumb name. Aly Cat called her Deloris brontosaurus.

Ms. Spangler said all names are special and asked the children to be nice to each other. Ms. Spangler talked about class rules and played a game with the class.

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The next day Ms. Spangler told the class that a new student was coming to their class from St. Lucia.
Next, Ms. Spangler said that the students would work in partners to find out more information about St. Lucia, and would give an oral report. The students had to pick crayons that told them what their topic was and who their partner would be. Aly Cat was upset because she was stuck working with Aiden but she wanted to work with Brittany.
Chapter 4

From Bad to Worse

At lunch Aly Cat wanted to talk to Brittany about switching partners but she could not. Aiden walked by and told Sean that it was not nice to be partners with Aly Cat Cootie.

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Aly Cat punched Aiden's sandwich and made a hole in the bread. Aly Cat and Aiden got into trouble and had to miss recess.

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After lunch Aly Cat tried to talk Brittany into switching partners but she said no. Aly Cat was angry and told Brittany that they were not best friends anymore.
In the classroom, Ms. Spangler asked Aly Cat what was wrong.

Aly Cat told Ms. Spangler how mean Aiden had been and that it hurt her feelings. Ms. Spangler told Aly Cat that Deloris feels the same way when Aly Cat makes fun of her.
Chapter 5

Acting Up

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When Aly got home she was in a bad mood. She stole Merry’s shoes and wore them on her ears to make Merry angry. Aly Cat barked like a dog and jumped on Merry’s bed. Merry yelled at Aly Cat to grow up and slammed her bedroom door on Aly Cat.
When Aly went back to school, Ms. Spangler asked the students to fill out an all about me paper with a photograph of themselves and things that they liked. Ms. Spangler wanted to hang the papers on her board. Aly Cat was not happy about this.
Later that day Ms. Spangler asked the students to line up with their partner so they could go to the library and look at books. Aly lined up with Aiden and thought that maybe it would be ok to be his partner.
Chapter 6

Everyone’s mad at me

Aiden and Aly Cat have to do a report on a type of snake that lives in St. Lucia. Aly Cat is mad that Aiden has not done any work.

Aiden is afraid to speak in front of the class.

Aly Cat and Aiden agree that Aly Cat will speak if Aiden makes the pictures. Aiden agrees to stop calling Aly Cat Cootie Cat.

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Aly Cat is upset because Brittany is still mad at her. Miguel thinks Aly Cat should say she is sorry to Brittany. Aly Cat says that is a stupid idea. Now Miguel is mad at Aly Cat too.
Chapter 7

Party, Pizza, and Problems

HAPPY ST. LUCIA DAY
Balloons
Decorations
Cake

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Aly Cat is mad because Aiden did not make the pictures for their snake report. Aly Cat's class decides to have a party to welcome their new student. The party will be at lunch time. The class will have pizza, cake and balloons at the party.

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Dear Britt,

I miss you! Can we be friends again? Please please with bubble gum on ti?

- Aly (@ of the stick-like-Glue-yay)

Miguel!

Please read my “All About Me” sheet.

😊 ~ Aly

Aly Cat is sad that she and Brittany are still not friends. Aly Cat writes Brittany a note asking to be friends again. Merry gives Aly Cat stickers to decorate the note. Aly Cat wants to be friends again with Miguel too. Aly Cat makes a plan to be friends again with Miguel.

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Chapter 8

Snakes and Cake

Aly Cat leaves a note on Brittany and Miguel’s desks. Brittany reads her note and hugs Aly Cat.

Brittany and Aly Cat are friends again.

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The new student arrives. Her name is Gilana. The class gives their reports on St. Lucia. Alden painted a picture of the snake on his face for the report.
The cake is brought into the classroom. Deloris made the cake for her report. The cake has the flag St. Lucia on it. The students start pushing to see the cake. The cake falls and the picture of the flag is ruined. Deloris is very sad.
Chapter 9

Aly Cat, Aiden, Sean and Brittany make a new paper flag for Deloris. Deloris is very happy.

Ms. Spangler is proud of them for helping their friend.

She calls them Nice Mice. The students finish the reports.

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Gilana brought music to play at the party. The class eats pizza, dances and has fun at the party. Aly Cat, Brittany and Gilana are friends.