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Chester raccoon did not want to go to school.

He wanted to stay home with his mom and play with his toys.
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Chester's mom told him that he had to go to school even though he was scared.

She knew he would love school.
Chester's mom said "You will make new friends."

"You will play with new toys."

"You will read new books."

"I have a secret" said Chester's mom.
"What is the secret?" asked Chester.

"It is called the kissing hand" said Chester's mom.
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Chester's mom kissed the palm of his hand.
Chester's mom said "when you miss me, press your hand to your cheek and the kiss will jump to your face. I love you."

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Chester's mom closed his hand around the kiss.

She told him that he would not lose the kiss when he opened his hand or washed his hands.
Chester loved his kissing hand.
That night, Chester said to his mom, "Give me your hand."
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Chester kissed the palm of his mom's hand.
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"Now you have a kissing hand too" Chester told his mom.

"I love you" he said and he left for school.

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Chester's mom watched him go to school.

She put her hand to her cheek.

"Chester loves you" she thought.
I love you!
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