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# Classroom Cereal

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## Story 20 Part 1 of 5

### “Fairview Farewell”

#### Part 1 of 5: Mellon’s Surprise

#### Directions

1. Read the story
2. Find the five errors
3. Mark the errors using the key

#### Key

- Spelling error
- Add punctuation
- Capitalize letter
- Remove word
- Wrong word
- Move word
- Make letter lower case

Principal Mellon had never seen Fairview look so sad. It was the day of the annual Eighth Grade Farewell Assembly and Principal Mellon stood at the podium on the auditorium’s stage, overlooking a sea of sullen faces. Most of Fairview seemed to be in the audience. In the front few rows were Cooper, Malina, Rodgers, Megan Zimmerman, Tony, Eric Fincher, and the rest of the graduating eighth graders and Teachers sat behind them, including Mr. Nitman, who looked especially gloomy, and Mrs. Comstock, who was newly returned from her trip to Peru. Principal Mellon spotted a few people he knew from outside of school, like Nancy, the owner of Nancy’s Cafe, and the safari hat-wearing gardener, Kyle. Superintendent Chase sat in a metal chair behind the podium. An unknown short man with a hat, sunglasses, and a mustache leaned against the back wall. The auditorium was silent except for the crinkle of paper as people fanned themselves with their programs.

News of the disappointing discovery in the haunted forest had spread throughout town like a stomach virus. Ryan McKay had found Washington’s Lost Treasure and left nothing behind but a shoebox, a note, and one measly gold coin. The story of Thomas Smith’s forgotten diary had seemed to unite Fairview, but now that the treasure was gone the town felt deflated.

Finally, principal Mellon couldn’t take it any longer. Standing at the podium, he pulled something from his jacket and held it high above his head. It was a folded piece of paper encapsulated in a thin string. The note was dated Thursday, April 16, 1778.

#### Checklist

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#### Questions

What do you think Mellon’s note says? Why do you think so?