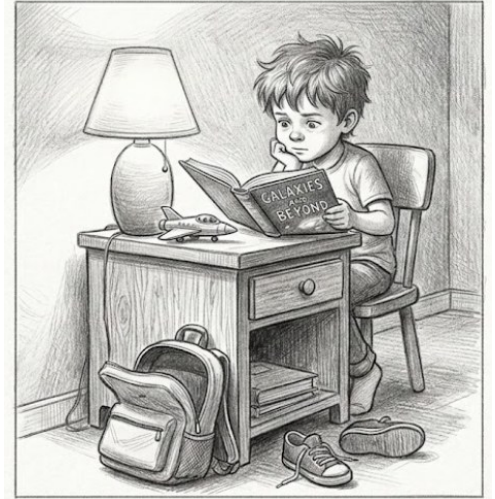


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Leo's Lost Library Book

Leo loved reading about space, so when he checked out *Galaxies and Beyond* from the school library, he read it every chance he got. On Tuesday evening, his mother reminded him to place the book inside his backpack because it was due on Wednesday morning. Leo was engrossed in a chapter about Saturn's rings and thought, "I'll just leave it on my nightstand and put it in my bag before breakfast."



The next morning, Leo woke up late. He rushed through breakfast, put on his shoes, and ran to the bus stop. When his class visited the library that afternoon, Mrs. Gable asked for all returned books. Leo reached into his bag, but his hands felt only empty space. Suddenly, he remembered the book was still sitting on his nightstand at home.

Because the book was late, Leo had to pay a small fine from his allowance money and could not check out the next book in the series until the following week. He felt a knot in his stomach as his classmates chose their new books. That evening, as soon as he returned home, Leo took *Galaxies and Beyond* off his nightstand and placed it directly into his backpack for the next day. He promised himself he would never wait until the last minute again.



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1. At the beginning of the story, what causes the main problem for Leo?

- A. He forgets to check out a book about space.
- B. He decides to put his book in his backpack later instead of right away.
- C. Mrs. Gable tells him that he cannot visit the school library.
- D. He loses his allowance money on the way to the bus stop.

2. What happens in the middle of the story that reveals Leo's mistake?

- A. Leo reads a chapter about Saturn's rings.
- B. Leo puts his book away right before breakfast.
- C. Leo buys a new series of space books at school.
- D. Leo reaches into his bag at the library and realizes his book is at home.

3. Which sentence best states the central message of the story?

- A. Taking care of responsibilities right away helps avoid bigger problems.
- B. Space books are the most interesting books in the library.
- C. It is always better to read at night than in the morning.
- D. Friends should always help each other pay library fees.