

Scene 3 - Mrs. Ward's Class

Narrator: Long ago, in a land not so far away there were some actors about to go on stage.

Mini Mr. T: Ok 2nd grade, show me you are ready...We have a play to start.

2nd Grader 1: How did we get stuck doing a play for the 5th grade student council?

2nd Grader 2: I don't know. I think it was to help jazz up the Gratitude Assembly.

2nd Grader 3: So, why do WE have to do it?

Fifth-Grader: Alright, 2nd graders. We need you to teach these SES kids how to be grateful even in the moment when you are feeling crabby.

2nd Grader 4: (mumble to the audience.) I am crabby. I can't pretend to be grateful for this play after the day I had. My mom couldn't bring in the Valentines' Day hand-heart project I forgot to hand in last month. Then I forgot to order lunch and couldn't order pizza!

2nd Grader 5: (Student in oversized sweatshirt) You think your day was bad. Check out my clothes! The nurse had to give me this shirt after I spilled chocolate milk all over myself at lunch. It's big enough for a HIGH SCHOOL KID!

EMO: Geez, my job isn't easy today. Even the actors in the play have "the crabbies"! *(2nd Grader 3 & 4 turn around to show crab hanging on their back.)*

RIO: AH! Look. The crabbies have grabbed ahold of more actors!

Crab 1: I love holding upset kids down. Time to mess with his head. **(Put on the crab trap hat and talk to 2nd Grader 5.) Repeat after me, "Everyone is watching me. I'll make a mistake like I did in rehearsal."**

2nd Grader 6: "Everyone is watching me. I'll make a mistake like I did in rehearsal."

EMO: (waving his arms wildly) Captain, captain! We need your help to drive away the crabbies! They are ruining our play!

Gratitude Green Beret 1: (march up to crab and 2nd grader 6 - WITH MUSIC) Two claps for gratitude! (Crab 1 scurry away in fear.) Repeat after me, "I may have made a mistake yesterday, but today I can be careful not to repeat it."

2nd Grader 6: "I may have made a mistake yesterday, but today I can be careful not to repeat it."

EMO: One down, two more to go.

RIO: Help them look at the good, Green Berets!

Crab 2: I love holding upset kids down. Time to mess with his head. (Put on the crab trap hat and talk to 2nd Grader 4.) Repeat after me, "I've had such a bad day, there's no way I can pretend to be grateful on stage."

2nd Grader 4: I've had such a bad day, there's no way I can pretend to be grateful on stage.

Gratitude Green Beret 2: (march up to crab and 2nd grade student 4 - WITH MUSIC) Two claps for gratitude! (Crab 2 scurry away in fear) Repeat after me, "I had a tough morning, but right now I am prepared."

2nd Grader 4: I had a tough morning, but right now I am prepared.

Crab 3: I love holding upset kids down. Time to mess with his head. (Put on the crab trap hat and talk to 2nd Grader 5.) Repeat after me, "I look ridiculous in this sweatshirt. I can't go on stage."

2nd Grader 5: I look ridiculous in this sweatshirt. I can't go on stage.

Gratitude Green Beret 3: (march up to crab and 2nd grade student 5 - WITH MUSIC) Two claps for gratitude!(Crab 2 scurry away in fear.) Repeat after me, "I can't wait to change into my costume that fits me."

2nd Grader 5: I can't wait to change into my costume that fits me.

(Takes off oversized sweatshirt and wears army uniform like a Green Beret. Pulls a hat out of his pocket and puts it on his head. Marches over to Captain.)

Reporting for duty, Sir!

RIO: (amazed) Captain, your troops defeated the crabby thoughts so effortlessly again.

Captain: When people focus on the good right in front of them, instead of what happened in the past, they can overcome their crabby mindset.

Gratitude Green Beret 1,2, &3: (WITH MUSIC) Two claps for gratitude!

Narrator: And again, a glimmer of gladness is enough to help you climb out of the crab trap.

Mini Mr. T: Ok! NOW, we are ready to perform! Everyone, stand and sing!

Narrator	Escander	Lansburg
Mr T	Kieran	McGrath
2nd Grader 1	Anna	Conroy
2nd Grader 2	John	Quis
2nd Grader 3	Luciano	Bufano
2nd Grader 4	Kaia	Chiarella
2nd Grader 5	Harper	Moonan
2nd Grader 6	Kate	Ford
Crab 1	Samuel	Curtis
Crab 2	Luke	Strong
Crab 3	Alexandra	Kelly
Emo	John	Englert
Rio	Sonya	Berkley
GB 1	Sadie	Sucato
GB 2	Juliet	Brown
GB 3	Chase	Clarkin
GB Captain	Ellie	Murphy