

Room 304

A classroom

Children buzz

Excitement, fear, dread, boredom

Anger, frustration, defeat, triumph – you name it

So many students, so many emotions

Almost never happiness

Teachers prepare

Lesson plans, grades, and files

Gossip with the staff

Keep flying fists at bay

Eat three-course meals in ten minutes

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Walls decorated

Ancient Egypt looms

Geometric rules to memorize

Benedict Arnold poses

To be or not to be

Students in search of supplies

A borrowed pencil, a dried up marker

Teacher spends a fortune

Supplies gained and lost, still

Everyone needs a pencil

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Assignments given, expectations set

“But, miss...”

Grumbling voices and minor tantrums

“Get to work.”

Assignments not turned in, excuses fly

Students, check

Teachers, check

Walls, check

Supplies, check

Assignments, check

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