What a day it was at School

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Reviewer: Reynolds, Kate
Reading Level: Primary, Intermediate
Rating: Dependable
Genre: Humorous poetry; Contemporary realistic poetry; Poetry;
Subject: Schools--Juvenile poetry; Education--Juvenile poetry; Children's poetry, American; Books--Reviews;

Acclaimed children's poet Prelutsky has produced yet another book of school-day verses in an already saturated market. This collection, while amusing and entertaining for little children, seems overall lackluster. There is nothing really wrong with this collection, but there isn't anything really right with it either.

The best that can be said for this collection is that it is at some points cute or sweet, but there is no brilliance or novelty about the poems. Cushman's illustrations could be described in the same manner. They are vaguely reminiscent of Scarry, but do not have the same classic quality. Little children will love the silliness, but there are better choices out there in children's poetry.