

Panda Gets Dressed for School

Panda was so excited she just couldn't get to sleep. Tomorrow was the first day of school. Even though Mommy would be waiting outside in the hallway, and would bring her home at the end of the day, Panda still had butterflies in her stomach. Would she know what to do in school? Would she know where to sit? Would she know any of the other kids? And what would she wear to school?

Panda's Mommy had picked a brand new outfit for her to wear tomorrow. It was a very fancy pink and purple top and matching purple pants. A gift from her Aunt. **"You'll be pretty as a picture in this,"** Mommy had said. **"In fact, I'm going to take your picture in this outfit tomorrow and send it to her."** Panda jumped up, flipped on her light and went over to the big comfy chair where her clothes were lying, ready for next morning. She held them up for a closer look. The pink and purple top was pretty, but it had an itchy scratchy lace collar. The matching pants were nice, but they had a pinchy zipper.

Mommy saw Panda's light go on and called out from the hallway... **"Panda, is that you out of your bed? Honey, you have school tomorrow. Back to bed!"** **"Oh Mommy!"** Panda wailed, **"I can't wear this tomorrow. It doesn't feel good. I want something soft. Something old. Can you just tell Aunty her outfit didn't fit?"** Mommy saw how upset Panda was. **"OK sweetie, you choose whatever you like."** So Panda went to her drawers and picked out a nice soft Garanimals top, with orange and purple flowers and no itchy scratchy collar. She chose her favorite Garanimals matching soft purple pants, with no pinchy zipper.

"You'll be pretty as a picture in that outfit" Mommy said with a smile. **"And comfortable, too. Goodnight my big girl!"** Panda drifted to sleep right away. She knew she'd have a wonderful first day of school. And she did!

