

RL 4.2 Determine a theme of a story, drama, or poem from details in the text.

Chiba hated his new school. Besides missing his old friends, he hated being bullied. Tim, a fifth-grader, always bugged him about one thing or another. Every day, Chiba went to school afraid of what would happen to him that day.

One morning, Chiba was walking to school when he saw books falling out of a boy's backpack. He ran to the boy before more books would fall in the mud. He picked up the books and yelled out to the boy. "Watch out! Stuff's falling from your backpack."

When the boy turned around, Chiba was shocked. It was Tim! Chiba gave the books to Tim and started to run.

"Hey, Chiba! Thanks," Tim said with a smile and followed Chiba to school. "I am sorry about being rough on you," Tim said when he caught up with Chiba. "Friends?" Tim asked, giving out a hand to Chiba.

Which of these best shows the theme of the story?

- A. Learn from others' mistakes.
- B. Always stand up to bullies.
- C. Never let your books get dirty.
- D. Good always wins over evil.