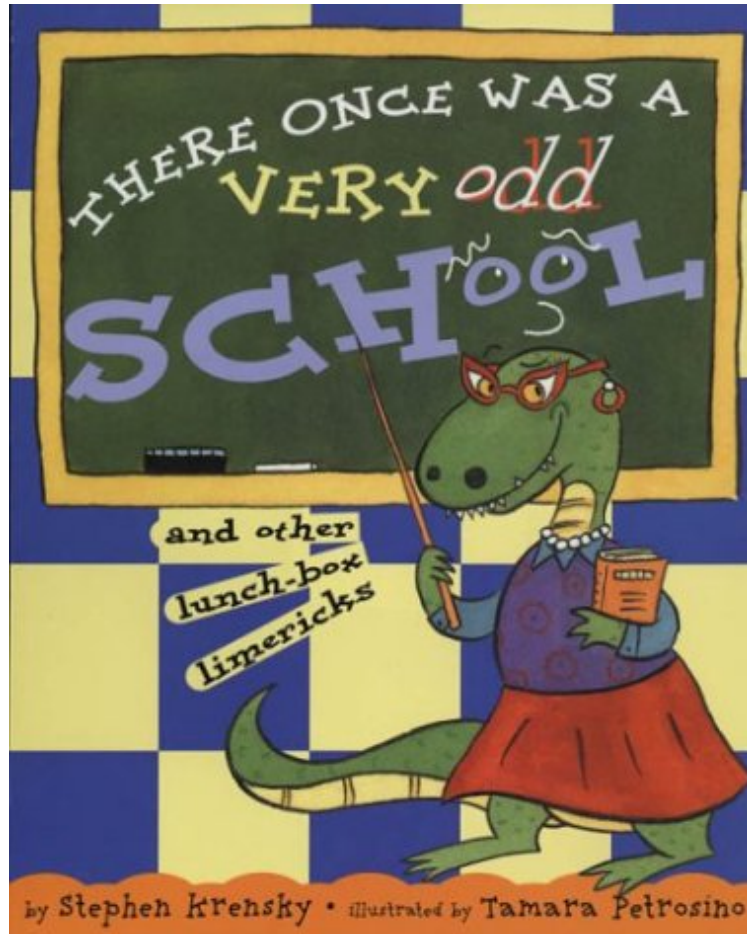


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book received the "Children's Choice" award. I recommend this book not only to children, but to parents and teachers as well. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. *There Once Was a Very Odd School* By N. Fensch This clever rhyming book is full of delightful laughter and brings a new twist to sometimes monotonous school experiences. The book's bright and colorful illustration adds to the silliness that author Stephen Krensky depicts in his limericks. The focus of the book is on goofy things that kids often dream up, such as a never ending recess or the mystery food served in the cafeteria. This is a great book for adding humor to any classroom reading experience.

Just in time for back-to-school book bags, here is a collection of limericks about a very unusual school. From the superjock who is so shy he can barely say hello to the weird teacher whose students are mysteriously turning into statues, readers will laugh themselves silly at all the fun that makes up one very odd school year.

From *School Library Journal* Grade 3-5 Twenty-four limericks depict the strange happenings at an unusual school, including meals that move ("Spaghetti that wriggles? / And Jell-O that giggles?"), a principal with X-ray vision, and an alien teacher who turns unruly students into statues. Unfortunately, the rhymes are often forced and the lines don't always scan well. The colored-pencil cartoons reflect the wackiness of the poems but can't save the weak text. Doris Losey, Tampa-Hillsborough County Public Library, Tampa, FL Copyright Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. From *Booklist* Gr. 2-5. Krensky offers 24 zany limericks detailing the adventures of students and staff of "a very odd school / That had only one little rule: / There was recess all day / To learn how to play, / Which everyone thought was so cool." Verses conjure a principal with X-ray vision that probes students' brains, cafeteria swill that turns people green, and everyday traumas in the classroom and on the playground. Petrosino's colorful, cartoon-like illustrations extend the humor of the rhymes, sometimes in surprising ways: french fries leaping from their container, smiling spaghetti crawling off the plate, and evil-grinning Jell-O cubes looking ready to attack accompanied by a text that reads, "Spaghetti that wriggles? / And Jell-O that giggles?" As always with limericks, some tricky rhythms will require a little practice before performing out loud, but this makes a great choice for group sharing or for children who are convinced they don't like poetry. Kay Weisman Copyright American Library Association. All rights reserved. About the Author Stephen Krensky is the author of the Lionel series. He lives in Lexington, Massachusetts. Tamara Petrosino is the illustrator of *Rocky, the Cat Who Barks*.