

The Supply Teacher

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Here's the rule for what to do
If ever your teacher has the flu
Or for some other reason takes to her bed
And a different teacher comes instead.

When the visiting teacher hangs up her hat
Writes the date on the board, does this or that
Always remember, you have to say this,
OUR teacher never does that, Miss!

When you want to change places or wander about
Or feel like getting the guinea pig out
Never forget, the message is this,
OUR teacher always lets us, Miss!

Then, when your teacher returns the next day
And complains about the paint or the clay
Remember these words, you just say this:
That OTHER teacher told us to, Miss!



What pet is mentioned in the poem?



How do you think the supply teacher feels teaching this class?



Why has Allan Ahlberg written some words in capital letters?
