



## The Best Fiesta Ever

**M**aria could not wait for her school's big fiesta. For weeks, her class had rehearsed their special dance. Now they knew every step by heart. On Thursday, Mrs. Rodriguez made her final announcement to the class: "Remember, tomorrow is our spring fiesta!" Everyone cheered at the end of the announcement.

Early on Friday morning, preparations began. Maria and her friends helped with the preparations by hanging ribbons and balloons. Next it was time to put on the costumes that the students and their families had made. Maria loved her costume, which was a beautiful red dress that sparkled when she spun around.

The gym soon filled with family and friends who had come to celebrate. Maria's heart was racing, but she remembered how much they had rehearsed. She knew they were prepared.

The music started. Maria's class danced just like they had rehearsed. When the dance ended, the

The decorations for the fiesta made the school gym look like magic.

applause was so loud it made Maria's heart swell with pride.

After the performance, the fiesta continued. Families had donated food to make the party even more of a celebration. Tables were filled with these donations: tacos, rice, beans, cookies, and cakes. The decorations seemed to shine even brighter as everyone enjoyed the feast.

"This is the best fiesta ever!" Maria thought as she looked at all the happy faces, the beautiful decorations, and her friends in their costumes.

At the end of the party, Mrs. Rodriguez announced: "Thank you to everyone who helped make this fiesta so special. Your donations, preparation, and hard work made this a day we will never forget!"

As Maria left the fiesta, she knew she would always remember how it felt to dance in her shiny costume, see all the pretty decorations, and hear that wonderful applause. This had been the best celebration ever!

