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Once upon a time, in a beautiful green forest where the mountains met the rivers, there lived two best friends — Pema the Red Panda 🐼 and Kito the Baby Elephant 🐘. Every morning, they went to the Forest School together.

Pema the Panda loved to roll on the grass and eat bamboo all day. He didn't like doing his schoolwork or helping his parents clean their little bamboo house. He often said,

*"I'll just copy from Kito tomorrow! Then I can rest and play today. Hmmm... munch munch!"* 🐼

But Kito the Elephant loved to study and help his parents. He used his little trunk to carry water and fruit before playing. He said happily,

*"Let's finish our work first, Pema! Then we can play with a happy heart! Pawooo!"* 🐘

Pema laughed and rolled away to nap under a tree, while Kito stayed and finished his homework. Then he helped his parents collect fruits for dinner.

The next day, the teacher gave a test. Kito did very well because he had studied and helped at home. But poor Pema didn't know many answers — and he felt sad inside.

After school, Kito smiled and said kindly,

*"It's okay, Pema! Pawooo! You can try again! Next time, do what's right first — then play!"*

Pema nodded. From that day, he promised to study a little every day and help his parents too.

And you know what? He discovered something special: *"Doing the right thing makes me happy too!"*

🕯️ Question of the Day and Heart-Work:

What about you? Do you finish your homework and help your parents before you play? 🌸