Best friends Rip and Red have a crazy new fifth-grade teacher (and basketball coach!) named Mr. Acevedo. He has tattoos and likes off-the-wall projects but doesn’t believe in tests or homework. Easygoing Rip is operating slightly out of his comfort zone, but for Red, who has autism and requires exact daily routines, the changes are more of a struggle. Mr. Acevedo knows the two friends make a great duo and encourages them to find ways to make a difference, both in the classroom and on the court.

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