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## Class of 2005

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Parents and grandparents are kitted out in their finest, and are subtly elbowing each other out of the way to make sure they have the best view. Camcorders are ready, digital cameras are poised to click. The air is electric with emotion. And then the moment finally arrives: The class of 2005 is here. But wait — things aren't quite right. Derya and Emre have wandered out of line, the teacher is trying to push them back in place. Daniel is sobbing, as are the twins, Hannah and Rachel. Aris is trying to reach his mom, and Sophia is calling out to hers. The line is falling apart, there is chaos in the room, and the sound of tears drowns out the Graduation Theme. Welcome to America, where graduation is a big deal for everyone, even for toddlers. All over the country, three and four-year-olds have been practising for weeks how to walk single-file, but it's only to be expected that things go awry when the big day comes. I mean, would you want to be wrapped in a red satin robe when it's sweltering hot? Wouldn't you rather be running around with your buddies than standing still and reciting the Pledge of Allegiance? I know I'd rather go straight for the chocolate cupcakes than sing the Star-Spangled Banner.

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Say what you will about the ridiculousness of a commencement ceremony for those just out of diapers, but for us parents, there is nothing sweeter than watching our three-year-olds solemnly receive their diplomas for having successfully completed pre- pre-K. Mostly because we know that this has been a special time and it won't come back.

Because everyone is moving on: Sophia's parents have bought a house in the suburbs; Arman and Ryan are going to Big Boy school and Sasha's mom is moving to Switzerland. Soon enough, the graduates playing so happily together will not even remember each other's names. But when they're all grown up into what they want to be — garbage collectors, mailmen, lifeguards and princesses — we will at least still have the digital prints of their innocence. Congratulations and best wishes to the class of 2005.

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