It was that time again, time to grade papers. Red Pen was overwhelmed with the amount of work that she needed to do, so she called to her friends for some help. From Stapler to Highlighter, no one wanted to help. When asked why, each school supply gave a different excuse. Stapler claimed his back was sore back and Scissors was feeling dull. Highlighter said that he didn’t want to help for fear that he may dry up and meet the same fate as their old friend Mr. Felt-Tip Marker, who had ended up in The Pit of No Return (aka the trash can). Red Pen realized that she must do all the work on her own and began to correct the students work. She worked all night long and as the sun began to rise, she felt herself getting more and more exhausted. She was so tired that she collapsed and fell off the edge of the desk and into The Pit of No Return. The noise was so great that it woke the other school supplies up who had been sleeping in the desk drawer. They raced up to the top of the desk and saw all the piles of papers that still needed to be graded and no sign of Red Pen. They quickly got to work and did what they could before they became exhausted. As Highlighter shouted, “Who will help us save they world?” they all heard a distant voice saying, “I will!” Racing to where the voice came from, the school supplies discovered Red Pen in The Pit of No Return. They knew they had to act fast to rescue their friend before she was gone for good. Paper Clips got to work making a chain that Eraser quickly jumped on and told them to lower him into the Pit of No Return. All the other school supplies grabbed onto the Paper Clips. It wasn’t as easy as they had hoped it would be and they had to get the help of the other school supplies. Working together and not giving up, they were able to save Red Pen from the horrible Pit of No Return. Thrilled to have their friend back, they all set to work and got all the students papers graded.

Character Education Values: Cooperation, Responsibility, Commitment, Perseverance, Humor and Resourcefulness

Characters: Red Pen, Stapler, Scissors, Pencil, Eraser, Pushpin, Highlighter, Paper Clips, Ruler, Yardstick and Hamster