



207 how he was doing. We were relieved that she would find out for  
208 us.

220 The next morning we met our teacher at the door and one  
230 student after the other began pestering Mrs. White with questions  
243 about Nick. She told each of them that she would tell the whole  
253 class at once, once we were all inside and settled.

264 Mrs. White began by reminding us that we were all mature  
275 young ladies and gentlemen, and that we needed to listen carefully  
288 to what she was going to tell us, so that misinformation, what we  
297 called ‘rumors’, would not spread false information around our  
309 campus and neighborhood. She told us that Nick recently went to a  
318 regular doctor’s appointment, and that during the examination, the  
330 doctor discovered a tumor on Nick’s skin and would need to run  
340 additional tests to determine whether it was benign or malignant.  
351 Mrs. White explained to us that benign was generally not serious,  
360 whereas malignant was. Fortunately, she said, Nick’s tumor was  
373 benign, and that he was going to be okay. That was great news!