

An epic back to school blessing for you

May you have courage

like Luke Skywalker
who faced his fears
with a light saber.

You may not take a light saber to school.

May the inner light of love

that is within you, shine brightly.

May you be strong and stand proudly

like the desert survivor
turned resistance fighter
Rey, from *The Force Awakens*.

Remember,

the force of your family is with you.
Don't be afraid you've got this.

May you find friends

like Harry, Ron, and Hermione.
Friends who like you for you.

May you have strength

like Moana
resiliency in the midst of difficulties
grit to keep tackling
spelling words,
math problems,
and other obstacles.

May you have wisdom

like Yoda.

Seek advice, you must.

Ask your parents and teachers, you shall. HmMMMMMMM.

May you dream

like officer Judy Hopps,
the spirited bunny in Zootopia.

May you be the first to say "sorry"

but never stop drawing.
Don't you ever stop coloring
outside the lines if necessary

May you embody compassion

like Jesus
who invited
the least the lost and the left out
to sit with him in class
eat with him at lunchtime
and to play at recess.

May the inner light of love

that is within you, shine brightly
You've got this.

-By Dale Carl