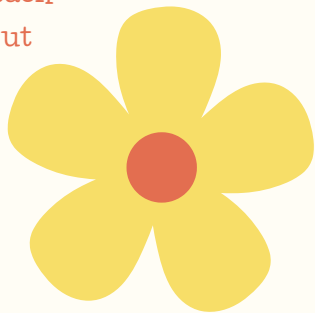


Discussion Items

1. Penelope was surprised to find out that all her classmates were children. She was very different from her classmates. Have you ever felt different from the people around you? How did that make you feel?
2. What lessons do you think Penelope learned in the book?
3. What are some ways we can show kindness and acceptance to people who might be different than us?
4. Do you think there's anything wrong with being different? Why or why not?
5. Penelope didn't stop eating her classmates until she found out what it felt like to be eaten by Walter, the goldfish. How do you think this relates to the golden rule to treat others how you would like to be treated?

Activity Ideas

1. Write a letter to Penelope Rex explaining to her the best ways to make friends.
2. Make friendship bracelets and give them to your friends.
3. Draw a large flower on a piece of paper. On each petal, write a kind note or a complement about someone. When you are finished, give the flower to that person.



Fudge Brownies

To help her make friends, Penelope brings brownies to her classmates and tells them that she helped make them. Have your child do as much as they can without help to build their confidence and baking skills!

Ingredients:

- $\frac{2}{3}$ cup flour
- $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp kosher salt
- 3 ounces unsweetened chocolate, chopped
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup unsalted butter
- $1\frac{1}{4}$ cups white sugar
- 2 large eggs
- 1 tsp vanilla extract

Directions:

1. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Grease an 8" square baking dish.
2. Place chocolate and butter into a heatproof bowl and set over a saucepan with 1 inch of very gently simmering water. When the butter and almost all of the chocolate is melted, stir until smooth. Turn off the heat and set aside.
3. Combine sugar and eggs in a mixing bowl with an electric hand mixer, about 5 minutes. Mix in vanilla extract, then slowly drizzle in the melted chocolate mixture, while mixing on high speed. Next, mix in flour and salt.
4. Bake for 30 minutes, or until a toothpick inserted near the center comes out clean. Let cool to room temperature before cutting and serving.