THE FINE PRINT

Respecting one another,
we don't snack on each other.
Everyone is good
regardless of their mood,
the thickness of their tail
or the colour of their snoot.
Come in to try our food!"

FRIENDLIES

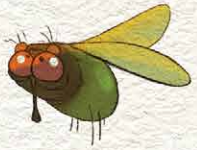
EDUCATOR DISCUSSION GUIDE

Recommended for Ages **6 to 10.**
Themes: Inclusion, Peer Acceptance, Overcoming Pre-Judgment, Community.

1. BEFORE YOU READ. WARM-UP CHOICE.

Imagine you walk into a new place and see someone you have never met before. They look very different from you. What do you do?

A. Walk over and say hello.
B. Wait and watch from a distance.
C. Ask a friend what they think first.



There is no wrong answer. Talk about it with your group. Why did you choose to act the way you did?

2. THE POWER OF SAYING SORRY.

When the room became chaotic, it was a shared offering and a quiet conversation that settled things down. Rags sat beside Sparky and explained, honestly and without anger, what Friendlies actually was - a place where everyone is welcome. Then he suggested Sparky say sorry.

Why is saying sorry out loud important, even after someone already understands they are wrong? What does it feel like when an apology is truly meant?

3. YOUR OWN FINE PRINT.

The sign at Friendlies says that everyone is good, regardless of their mood, the thickness of their tail, or the colour of their snoot. Write your own version of the Fine Print for your classroom or group.

It should be short enough to fit on one small sign, and clear enough that any new person walking in would immediately feel welcome.

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