

There's a Cat in Our Class!

A Tale About
Getting Along



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There were eighteen students in Miss Biscuit's class. Until...

“Criss-cross gravy sauce, paws in your lap,” Miss Biscuit said as the class got in a circle for their morning meeting. “I have some exciting news! We have a new student joining us after lunch.”

“A boy or a girl?” Max asked.

“A girl,” Miss Biscuit said. The girls yipped and yapped.

“Not another girl,” Rusty whined.

“Girls rule. Boys drool,” Ginger sniffed.

“Hey, girls drool, too,” Tanner said.

“Boy, girl. That doesn’t matter,” Miss Biscuit said.
“What matters is that we make her feel welcome. I’ve already told Samantha that I have the nicest class in the whole school.”



When the class came back from lunch, the new student was already there.

“Miss Biscuit, you didn’t tell us we were getting a *cat* in our class!” Tanner said.



“I didn’t think I needed to,” Miss Biscuit said. “Let’s show Samantha how nice you are with a big Welcome Wag. Give your neighbor plenty of wagging room!”

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Max, Rusty, Ginger, and Tanner assume without question that their new classmate will be just like them... a DOG.

Guess what? Samantha is NOT a dog, which leads to a whole heap of questions. But in little time, all the tails in Miss Biscuit's classroom start wagging, and Samantha is celebrated for the CAT she is, just in time for another new student!



There's a Cat in Our Class! is a kid-friendly exploration of diversity, teaching kids the value of not only accepting but embracing the differences of those around us.

Includes a **Note to Readers** written by Gayle E. Pitman, PhD, that discusses how parents, teachers, and other adults can talk with children about diversity in a way that's meaningful and effective.

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