

SO DIFFERENT, SO EQUAL



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Mr. Collins, the cat, was a teacher at a school in a small town where all kinds of animals lived.

Everyone who went to the school was very happy. Everyone except Lula, the little turtle who had just enrolled. She always moved very slowly and her classmates made fun of her and laughed.



Mr. Collins noticed what was happening, and he told his students off.

"No, no, no! Come on, guys, it's not nice to laugh at your new classmate. Don't you know the meaning of the word RESPECT?"

"Res... what?"
asked Earl,
the hedgehog.

"R-E-S-P-E-C-T. Come on, guys, respect.

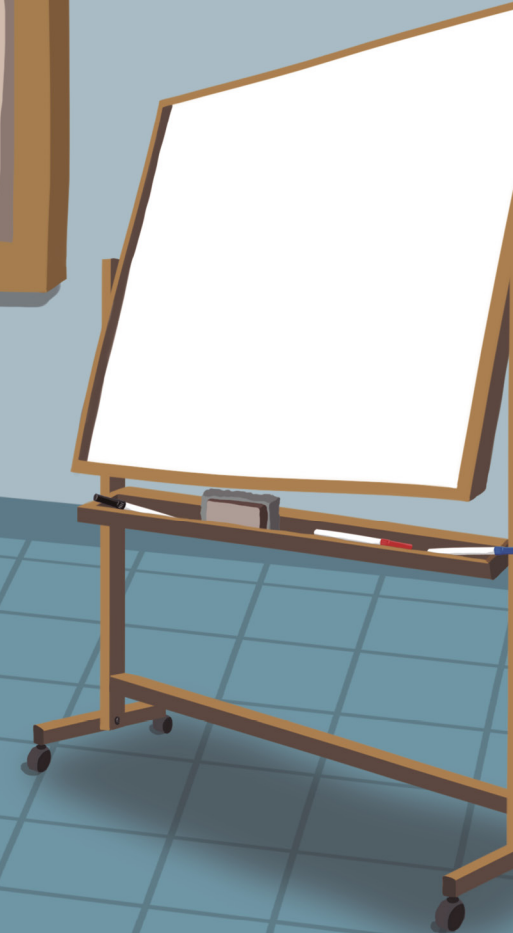
Now then, why are you making fun of Lula?"

"She's so slow and we get bored playing with her,"
replied Rita, the little mouse.



"Listen to me," said the teacher.
"I'm going to tell you a little something..."

"You are all unique and special,
you all have something to offer.
But you also have flaws that you have to accept!
Everyone, from time to time,
needs help from someone else."



"In order to live happily, you need to learn
the meaning of the word RESPECT.
Can anyone tell me how to spell it?"

"It starts with R, like my name!" cried Rita, the little mouse.

"Very good," replied Mr. Collins, the teacher.

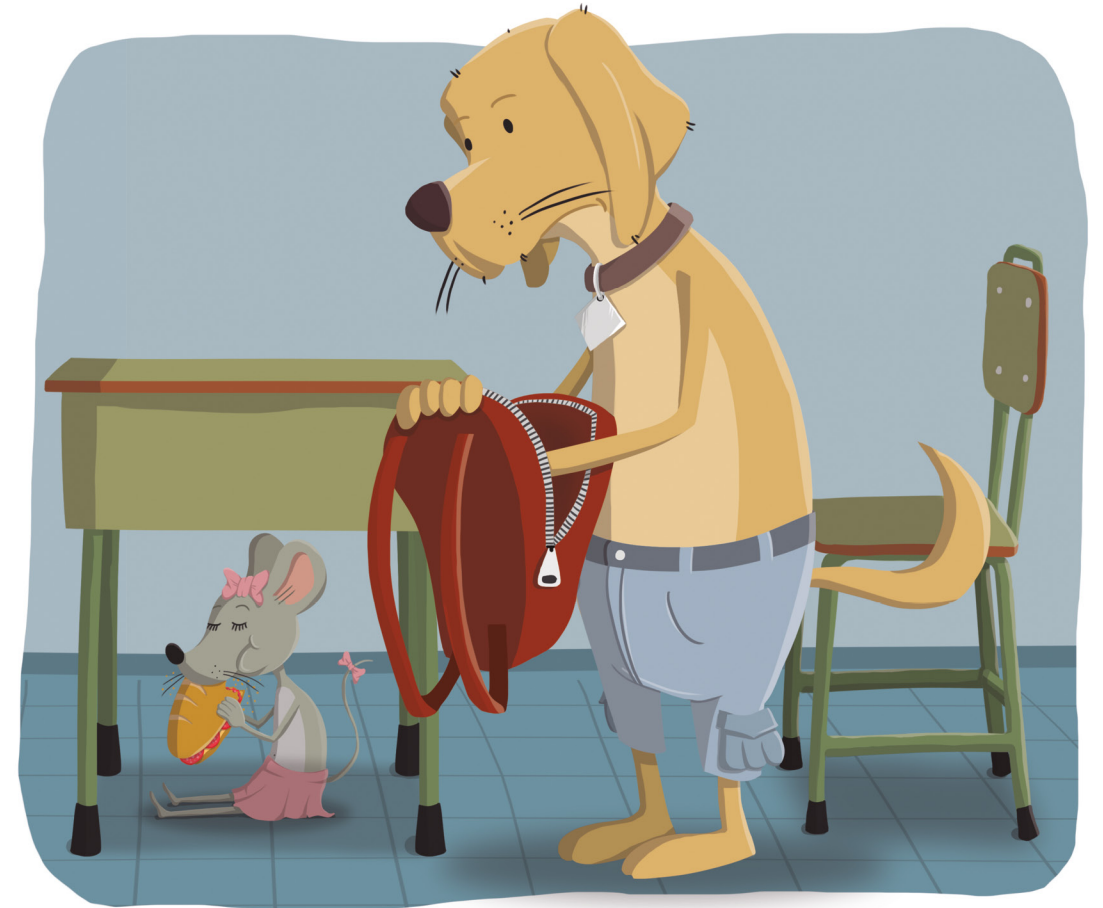
"You are very agile, but also a bit mischievous.

When your classmates are distracted,
you take off with their snacks!"



The little mouse was surprised.

She didn't think that was naughty!



But her classmates told her
that they had to hide their snacks every day
if they didn't want to be hungry.