

Reading into Success Story Guides

Social Emotional Learning

Before Reading:

- Read the title aloud, along with the author and illustrator. Ask for a prediction on what the book will be about, after showing the cover.
- Do a picture walk by flipping through the pages looking at the illustrations. Let the child make observations. You do not have to read text, unless you want to draw attention to any special features.
- Have you ever been the new person? How did you feel?

During Reading:

- Why is Pete nervous to meet the new guy?
- What does Pete do to help Gus fit in and belong in the neighborhood?

After Reading:

- How is Pete the Cat considerate of Gus's feelings?

Putting into Practice:

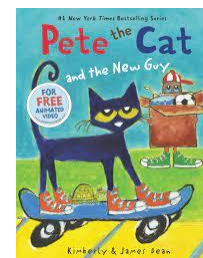
- Why is it important to consider the thoughts and feelings of others?
- How can we encourage and recognize the strengths of others? Why is it important to know our own strengths and the strengths of others?



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A storybook guide for **Pete the Cat and The New Guy** written by Kimberly and James Dean and illustrated by James Dean.

SEL Competencies

Self-Awareness,
Social Awareness,
Relationship Skills

Themes

Making New Friends,
Perspective Taking,
Recognizing
Strengths in Others

Book

Description

Pete the Cat is nervous and excited to meet his new neighbor. As Pete the Cat shows Gus the Platypus around the neighborhood, Gus being to feel out of place.