



# Teachers and Parents Guide

Pawsitive Tails  
Good Graces With Gracie Girl

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Welcome to The Guide!  
 We have provided tools to help  
 maximize the messages found  
 in the illustrations and text.  
 Your Ideas are Welcome!



The **story line** in Good Graces With Gracie Girl delivers short, succinct **messages** about things that kids encounter and make choices about every day. Pet Therapy Teams work with these opportunities daily. Key areas **include**: Organization, Preparation, Responsibility, Confidence, Friendships, Good Grades, Helpfulness, Hard Work, How to interact with Dogs, Fear of Dogs, Calming for Adults, Bullying and Celebration.

Numerous studies have shown positive benefits to animal assisted therapy. Schools across the country are finding what nursing homes and hospitals already discovered: the unconditional love of dogs greatly benefits both children and adults. **Schools have found dogs can help improve attendance, provide a calming effect and give incentive to meet behavioral and academic goals, increase confidence, increase test scores, help overcome the fear of dogs and more!**





# Tools and Ideas



*It is always an exciting time* to get a new book or to attend an Author Visit.

To help maximize the enjoyment and value of Pawsitive Tails, we have included some ideas and tools. This is just a start and would like to hear about what works best for your children or students.

## Author Visit Poster/Flyer

has been provided for use to hang up around the school, use as a flyer, insert into newsletter.



**Pawsitive Tails Character Commitment Certificate** can be used to recognize a child's great character at home or at school.

Activity: Children read the book and work hard to "be involved, helpful, kind and healthy" as Grace states in her book. During a set period of time, winners can be identified and can be presented certificates. We would be happy to help present the certificates at a scheduled reading event. Use for other recognition throughout the year.



## Book Marks

can be a fun way to involve the kids prior, during and after an event. Prior to a visit, read the book with the students and discuss how Grace cares about others and cares about being the best she can be. Practice her chant which can be found throughout the book, "I'm a true blue, fully tested perfectly perfected fluff ball of fun." Provide a bookmark to each student to bring to the event for reference. During the event, we will do the chant whenever it appears in the book.

Discuss the meaning;

**true blue:** honest

**fully tested:** certified therapy dog

**perfectly perfected:** LOTS of practice makes perfect

**fluff ball of fun:** happy, fun loving pup.

After the event, they will have a special keepsake.



## The Pawsitively Puzzling Character Commitment Puzzle

challenges readers to recall the fun messages and good character traits experienced in the book. Complete the puzzle individually or in teams. Do for fun or as a competition with reward. Answers can be found throughout the book text or on a whimsical page that is illustrated showing all the answers.



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