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**Penny and Her Marble**

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Author: Henkes, Kevin
Title: *Penny and Her Marble*
Illustrator: Henkes, Kevin
Year of Publication: 2013
Publisher: Greenwillow Books
ISBN:9780062082039
Number of pages: 48
Rating: Outstanding
Reading/Interest Level: Toddler; Preschool; Primary
Keywords: fiction; chapter book; mouse; marble; honesty

Review:
On a walk with her doll, Rose, Penny finds a beautiful, shiny, blue marble on her neighbor’s grass. Though she knew that the marble was not hers, she put it in her pocket and raced home. At first Penny enjoys playing with the marble, but soon she begins to feel guilty about taking it. After thinking of nothing but the marble all day and even dreaming about it that night, Penny makes up her mind to return it.

Kevin Henkes, an award winning author and illustrator of children’s literature, created another delightful ‘Penny’ book. Parents will enjoy reading and showing the pictures of this cute little mouse to small children. As youngsters begin to learn to read, ‘Penny and Her Marble’ may become an early chapter book favorite. The moral to Penny’s story, that we feel better inside when we do the right thing, is a gentle way to teach an important lesson.

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