To earn your Gerri petal, do these three things.

1.
Enjoy "Gerri's Story," then talk about it

2.
Visit someone who has authority in your community, such as a police officer, firefighter, or your school principal

3.
Practice respecting authority

Playing by the Rules

Beep, beep!

Lupe honked the horn of her petal-powered car. "Time to go to school," she called out. "I'm driving everyone today!"

The Flower Friends rushed out of the Daisy Flower Garden and climbed into the car.

"Fasten your seat belts," Lupe reminded everyone.

But the Flower Friends were too busy giggling and joking with each other to pay attention.

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"Hey, everybody, we need to **listen** to Lupe," Gerri said.

"She's our driver and she's just trying to make sure we're safe."

"You're right, Gerri," Clover said.

The rest of the Flower Friends nodded and fastened their seat belts.

But before they had gone three blocks, Rosie told a joke that gave Mari and Zinni a fit of giggles. Tula and Sunny started singing their favorite song as loudly as they could. And Vi pulled out a drawing she had made for class and began waving it in the air for the others to see.

"Please," Lupe said. "I have to focus on my driving."
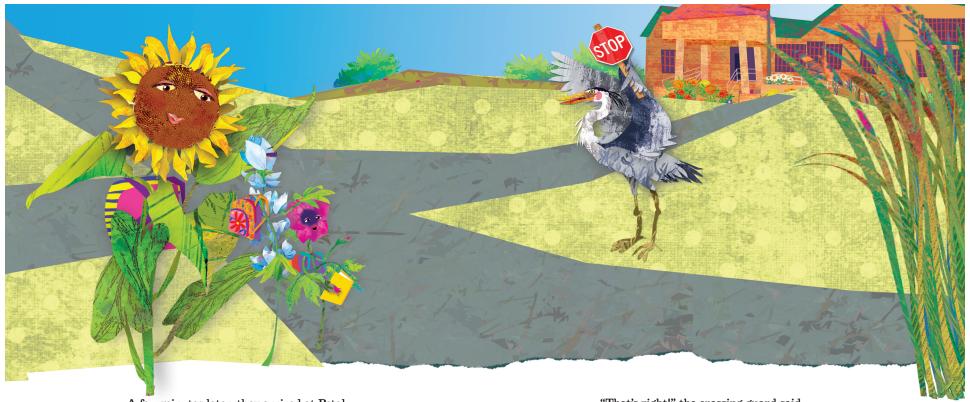
Once again, no one heard her.

Gerri clapped to get their attention. "Lupe asked us to be quiet," she said.

"It's **important** that we follow her rules while we're in the car."

"That's right," Lupe said. "It's the same way that I have to follow the rules of the road—like stopping at a stop sign!"

A few minutes later, they arrived at Petal Elementary School. The Flower Friends walked up the sidewalk to where a crossing guard stood.

"Please wait until I tell you it's safe to walk," she said.

"We will," Gerri said. "We know it's your job to make sure we wait until the cars are stopped before crossing the street."

"That's right!" the crossing guard said.

"I'm glad you understand that our rules keep you safe."

She looked up the street. Then she looked down the street. Then she held up her sign to tell drivers to stop their cars.

"Okay, Flower Friends!" she said. "It's your turn to go! Thanks for waiting."

The Flower Friends walked into Petal Elementary School. Miss Evergreen, the principal, stood at the door. She smiled at all the students moving past her.

"I'm glad no one is running in the halls," she said.

"I would be upset if any of my students slipped and fell down. After all, I want you to learn and have fun while you're at school. You can't do that if you're hurt!"

"We know!" the Flower Friends called out. "We'll be careful."

As they went to their classroom, Gerri added,

"And I know that we'll have a great day today!"

The End