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Petal's Party

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For Leonie, who puts on the BEST parties xxx

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Invitations

Petal couldn't stay still as she sat behind her log desk at school on Monday morning. Her fluffy pink tail twitched and her long, floppy ears flicked from side to side.

"Petal, do you need the bathroom?" Mr. Nibble asked from his desk at the front of the classroom. As usual, the teacher was eating





something. Today, it was a parsnip almost the size of him.

"No, no!" Petal squeaked. "Not at all. I am absolutely fine!"

From her desk next to Petal, Diamond frowned. Petal didn't look fine. It wasn't that she looked unhappy. In fact, she was smiling. She just looked

as if she was bursting to do something! Diamond wondered what it might be.

She didn't have to wait long to find out. When the bell rang for playtime, Petal hopped from her desk as if there were a firework under her tail. She called to her friends to follow her out from their classroom, which was inside a large oak tree trunk.

"Diamond, Ruby, Star, Twinkle, and Sky, come on!" Petal pulled on her friends' paws to drag them outside. The six bunnies scampered out into the dandelion field that surrounded Dandelion School. The school was made up of five classes—with each classroom inside the trunk of a different tree.

"Ta-da!" Petal said, and she held up five things



high above her pink head. As Petal was the tallest of the friends, the others couldn't quite see what they were.

"Ooh, is it a magic trick?" Sky asked. She flipped into the air to get a better look and saw there were five dock-leaf envelopes in Petal's paws.

Petal shook her head, making her gigantic floppy ears flap around her. "No, it's not a magic trick—they're invitations!"

Twinkle clapped his tiny mint-green paws together. "Invitations?" he squealed. "How fabulous! What are they for?"

Petal brought down her paws and passed the envelopes out to her friends. "You'll have to open them to find out!" she said.

Everyone began opening their envelopes.

