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The Friendly Monster Next Door

Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. Monty's experiences with the neighborhood kids taught him that making friends wasn't about appearances; it was about kindness and acceptance. The kids learned to look beyond appearances and embrace the goodness in people's hearts, realizing that Monty was the friendliest monster they had ever met.
2. Emma was the first to approach Monty and become his friend because she had an open and accepting heart. She saw past Monty's appearance and recognized his genuine desire for friendship. Her kindness and courage set an example for the other kids.
3. The moral of the story is that true friendship is based on kindness and acceptance rather than appearances. It teaches us not to judge others solely based on how they look but to look deeper into their hearts and character.

