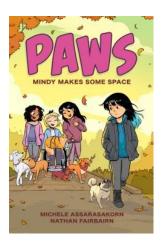Name:_____

PAWS: Mindy Makes Some Space Discussion Questions

1. Change can be really scary. What are some methods you use to cope with change?

2. "BBB" is a tradition that Mindy and her Mom do every other Friday night. It stands for "Bibimbap, Bingsu and Bingeing." Do you have any fun traditions that you like to do with your family or friends?

3. Food is a large theme throughout the book and is used to celebrate various cultures. What is your favourite food or dish?

4. When going trick-or-treating, the girls found a way to include Hazel when the houses were inaccessible for her wheelchair. What emotions did you feel when reading this?

5. Throughout the book, Mindy experiences a lot of jealousy towards Hazel. Have you ever felt jealous of someone?

6. Mindy's Mom uses an Emily Brontë quote about happiness from her school to help Mindy understand her emotions. The quote reads: "Happiness quite unshared can scarcely be called happiness." What does this quote mean to you?

7. Mindy and her friends love animals, but none of them are able to have a pet. Do you have a pet? If so, what kinds of things do you do with your pet? If you don't have a pet, what kind of pet would you like to get?

8. Michael takes Mindy and her Mom rock climbing, but Mindy doesn't enjoy it. Would you have liked to have gone rock climbing?

9. PAWS is a dog walking business that Mindy and her friends started so that they can spend time with dogs. If you had the chance to start your own business, what would it be?

10. For BBB night, Mindy gets to make her favourite side dish, Gamja Bokkeum. Have you ever cooked a dish at home? What did you make?

11. Hazel is the new kid in Mindy's school. Have you ever been the "new kid"? If not, have you ever made friends with someone that was new to your class or school?

12. Why is it important for us to "make space" in our lives for other people to come in?

13. At the end of the book, Mindy gives Hazel her PAWS jacket as a gift. Why do you think she did that?