MEETING IN THE MIDDLE
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ACROSS
1. Greets with a hand motion (2 wds)
8. Lucy's BFF, in classic TV
13. Tablet that debuted in 2013 (2 wds)
14. Reduce, _, recycle
15. "They might not require an area code (2 wds)
16. Bridge positions that partner with Wests
17. NYC airport code (abbr)
18. * Antacid targets (2 wds)
19. They might not require an area code (2 wds)
20. Meddlers
21. Stick like glue
22. GPS estimate (abbr)
23. "Hey, wait your turn in line!" (2 wds)
24. Is for two?
25. Tax ID, often (abbr)
26. * Carnivores (2 wds)
27. Knee part an athlete might tear (abbr)
28. "Cool" number (abbr)
29. Twisted shape
30. Shut down
31. "Hey, wait your turn in line!" (2 wds)
32. "Antacid targets (2 wds)
33. Change, as gears
34. Accept as a tenant (2 wds)
35. "Westworld" star Thompson
36. "Many a retired professor" (abbr)
37. Feudal laborers who sound like beach bums
38. Many a book club selection
39. "Many a book club selection"
40. "Inside the NBA" panelist Shaquille
41. Taste producer
42. "Tribute band song (2 wds)
43. Kansas city that becomes a stringed instrument if you add a V in front
44. "Many a retired professor" (abbr)
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47. Blog feed format (abbr)

DOWN
1. Wonka with a chocolate factory
2. Orbital high point
3. Unoccupied
4. Educator and author LeShan
5. Moe's freebie
6. Pinball flubs
7. Words in an estimate
8. Kindle or Nook, for example
9. Lead a class
10. Tells to be quiet
11. Fruit smelling chemical compounds
12. Subside
13. Stable mother
14. Scottish hat
15. Hartsfield-Jackson Airport code (abbr)
27. Many a retired professor
28. Helps out
29. Conference for Bama and UGA (abbr)
30. Approach abruptly
31. Provide attire for
32. "__ a Battlefield" (Pat Benatar oldie) (2 wds)
33. Rent from a renter
34. Geological layers
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