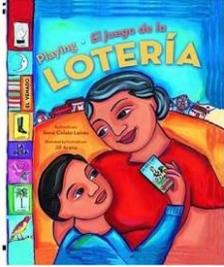


Storytime Ideas



Book Title: *Playing Loteria/El juego de la Loteria*

About the Book: A young boy visits his grandmother in Mexico. At first, he's afraid because he doesn't speak Spanish very well, and he is worried that they won't be able to communicate. Through playing Loteria, they discover a world of language and realize that families have special ways of understanding each other.

Storytime Activities:

Dress Up Fun! Dress in bright colors like you are ready to have fun at the fair!

What's in the Mystery Bag? Printed Loteria cards or board, dry beans, pictures of animals found on la Loteria cards in the story, a mango, picture of a clown.

Whiteboard Activities:

1. Write words from story in English and Spanish.
2. **Story Setting Word Find:** You will need small magnetic strips or dots and strips of paper. Write the words from the word bank on the strips of paper and attach to white board. Write 3 story setting categories on the white board: **Loteria Stand, Fair, Open Market.** Using the word bank, place items on strips from story under the correct setting.

Word Bank: beans, cabbage, carousel, cards, mango, stilts

Actions & Transitions:

- **Before Reading:**
 - Look at the cover. Ask: *What do you think this story will be about? Who are the people on the cover? What are they doing?*
 - Take a picture walk through the book. Ask: *How does the young boy's expression change from the beginning of the story to the end?*
 - Tell children: *As we read, try to remember the Spanish name for things mentioned in the story.*
- **During Reading:**
 - As you read, pause when you get to a vocabulary word. Say: *Let's say some of them in English and in Spanish.*
 - Check for understanding. Ask: *How is the young boy helping his grandmother? How are his feelings about visiting Mexico changing?*

- After Reading:
 - Ask: Have you ever visited family far away? Ask: *Did you know there was a game similar to la Loteria that we play in America? It's called BINGO.*

Vocabulary:

- ✓ Phrase
- ✓ Pretend
- ✓ Carousel
- ✓ Stilts

**Say in Spanish and English*

- ✓ Fair (la feria)
- ✓ Frijoles (Beans)
- ✓ Abuela (Grandmother)
- ✓ Pollo (Chicken)