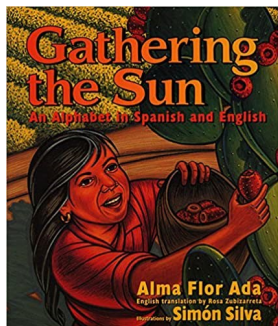


Storytime Ideas



Book Title: Gathering the Sun/ Recibiendo el Sol

About the Book: In simple words and sun-drenched paintings, Alma Flor Ada and Simón Silva take us into the fields and orchards, and into the lives of the people who work them. Simple poems in Spanish and English, one for each letter of the Spanish alphabet, describe the wonder of the vegetable and fruit farms. Together, the poems and the rich illustrations celebrate the glory of nature and the hearts of all who dedicate their lives to working the land.

Storytime Activities:

Dress Up Fun!

Get ready to work in the garden. Put on your sun hat, grab a hand towel, and find a basket. It's harvest time!

What's in the Mystery Bag?

Use your mystery bag to pull out different fruits and vegetables. These can be real, plastic or pictures. Ask: Have you been to a farm or picked fresh produce? What was that experience like? Did it taste different?

Whiteboard Activities:

Draw a picture of a tree. As fruits and vegetables are introduced in the story, ask children if they grow 1) in a tree, 2) on the ground, or 3) below ground. Draw the fruits and vegetables onto your white board in the proper place. Can you add some others that aren't in the story?

Actions & Transitions:

- Colors game: Name a color and ask children to name fruits or vegetables.
- Demonstrate planting a seed:
 - Materials: Glass jar or clear cup. Paper towels. Dried beans.
 - Instructions: Place a few paper towels inside jar or cup. Place 3-4 dried beans between the paper towels and the container so you can watch the seeds grow. Add water so the towels are moist. Place in sunny place and water daily. In 2-3 days the seeds will open up and start to grow roots.

Vocabulary:

- Wagon
- Paleta
- Decision
- Mustache
- Fruit