

# Thank You, Omu!

## A RIF GUIDE FOR EDUCATORS

**Themes:** Community, Culture, Sharing

**Book Brief:** Everyone in the neighborhood dreams of a taste of Omu's delicious stew! One by one, they follow their noses toward the scrumptious scent. Soon the pot is empty.

**Content Connections:** Math

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## TIME TO READ!

### BEFORE WE READ LET'S LOOK AT...



**The Cover:** Read the title. Ask students to use the image on the cover to predict why someone might say “thank you” to Omu.

**Prior Knowledge:** What are your students' favorite meals? Make a mind map with your students: Write “My Favorite Meal” in a circle in the center of a large piece of paper or on your whiteboard, then invite students

to write words about their favorite meal all around it.

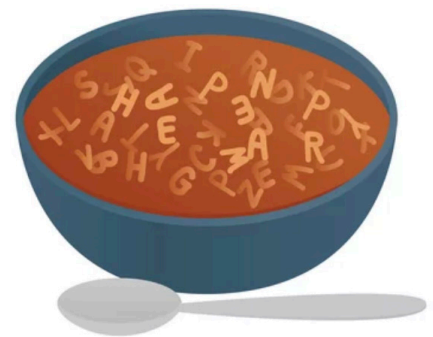
**Content Specific Vocabulary:** stew, scent, waft, scrumptious, enough

**Purpose for Reading:** Say to students, “As we read, think about how Omu makes a difference in the lives of the people in her neighborhood.”

## WHILE WE READ

### MONITORING FOR COMPREHENSION

- What is Omu making in her big, fat pot?
- When people from the neighborhood knock on Omu's door, what do they all want?
- How do people know that Omu is cooking something delicious?
- What does Omu give to everyone who comes to her door?
- How does Omu know that she doesn't have any stew left?
- Why is Omu sorry, sad, and blue when she discovers that her pot is empty?
- Why do all the people from the neighborhood that have visited Omu come back?



## LET'S THINK ABOUT

**Our Purpose:** How does Omu show care and generosity in the story? Ask students to think about the many ways that neighbors can help each other. (Optional: Pair Share)

**Extending Our Thinking:** How does a spirit of giving improve the world around us and how can generosity be repaid? Ask students to think about

people they know who are very generous and how it feels to give and receive.

### NOTE TO EDUCATORS

- Extension Activities for Educators are also available.
- Vocabulary Scaffolding sheet also available.