

A Birthday Basket for Tía

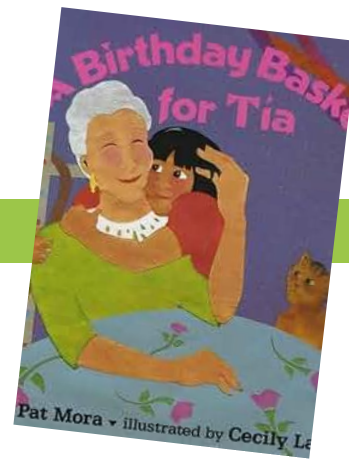
READ ALOUD GUIDE

Themes: Celebration, Family

Book Brief: Today is Tía's birthday! Cecilia wants to surprise her great-aunt with a very special present. But what could it be? With the help of her cat, Chica, Cecilia plants the perfect surprise.

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Cecily Lang



BEFORE READING

The Cover: Have students make predictions about the story based on the cover.

The Pictures: Take a brief picture walk and ask students what they predict Cecilia will give Tía for her birthday.

Prior Knowledge: Ask students, "Have you ever received a surprise before? Have you ever given a surprise before?" (Think, Pair, Share)

Vocabulary: Frontload Tier 2 words using the accompanying [Vocabulary Guide](#).

Purpose for Reading: "As we read today, think about the ways that Cecilia wants to celebrate Tía."

DURING READING

Check for understanding & make connections:

- Why is today a special day?
- What did Cecilia get Tía for her birthday?
- How does Tía like the gift? How do you know?

AFTER READING

Our Purpose: How did Cecilia decide to celebrate Tía? In what way does Tía thank Cecilia?

Extending Our Thinking: In this story, Cecilia gives Tía a basket full of items that they enjoy doing together. Tell students to bring in an item from an activity they enjoy doing with a family member or friend. Have each student share about their item and activity with the rest of the class.

If your students enjoyed this book...

- Encourage them to continue to discuss it and refer to it in other lessons and conversations.
- Let them explore more about the topic by reading other books with similar themes, structure, characters, or content.