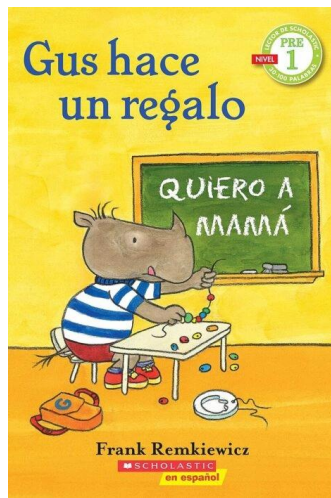


Read Aloud Guide for Families



Gus Makes a Gift / Gus hace un regalo

Author & Illustrator: Frank Remkiewicz

Themes: Creativity, Family, Love, Gift-Giving, Problem-Solving

Book Brief: Gus wants to make something special for his mom for Mother's Day! But when his homemade gift doesn't turn out as planned, he starts to worry. Will Mom love his surprise? Follow along in English and Spanish as Gus discovers what makes a gift truly special.

READ ALOUD

Before Reading: Build Background

- Look at the cover together. Ask, “What do you think Gus is making? Have you ever made a gift for someone special?”
- Talk about how homemade gifts can show someone we care.

While Reading: Make Connections

- What is Gus making for his mom?
- Why does Gus want to make something special?
- What happens when his gift doesn't turn out as planned?
- How do you think Gus feels about his gift? Why?
- What do you think his mom will say when she sees it?

After Reading: Ask Questions

- Ask, “How did Gus show his mom that he cared? What did Gus learn about giving gifts? Why can a homemade gift be just as special as something from a store?”

RELATED ACTIVITIES

If your child enjoyed this book:

- **Make a Special Gift:** Use paper, crayons, or craft materials to create a homemade gift for someone special. Talk about why that person will appreciate it.
- **Create a Thank-You Card:** Help your child make a card for someone who cares for them. Encourage them to draw or write something they appreciate about that person.
- **Practice Problem-Solving:** Build or create something together using household materials. If it doesn't turn out as planned, talk about ways to try again or make something new.