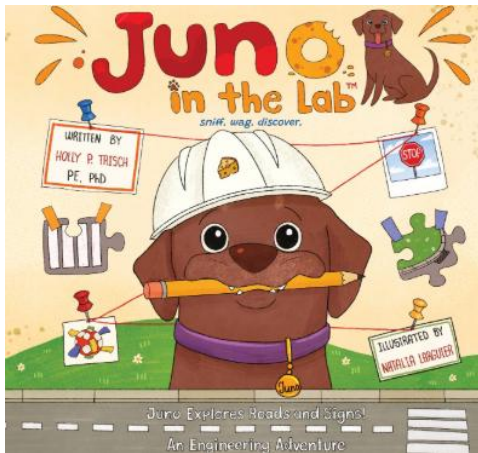


Read Aloud Guide for Families



Juno in the Lab

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Themes: Engineering, Community, Safety, Problem-Solving, Curiosity

Book Brief: Join Juno, a curious chocolate Labrador, and her mom, Holly, as they explore how engineers help keep our communities safe. Discover how engineering is all around us!

READ ALOUD

Before Reading: Build Background

- Look at the cover together. Ask, “What roads or signs do you see in your neighborhood? Why do you think we need them?”
- Explain that engineers are people who design and build things to solve problems.

While Reading: Make Connections

- What roads, sidewalks, or signs do Juno and Holly notice?
- How do these things help keep people safe?
- Why do you think engineers design roads and sidewalks the way they do?
- What questions does Juno ask about her community?
- What would happen if our community didn't have signs?

After Reading: Ask Questions

- Ask, “What did Juno discover about engineering? How do engineers help keep our communities safe? What would you like to design to make your neighborhood better?”

RELATED ACTIVITIES

If your child enjoyed this book:

- **Community Safety Walk:** Take a walk and look for roads, sidewalks, and signs. Talk about how each helps people travel safely.
- **Build a Mini Community:** Use blocks, toy cars, or recycled materials to build roads, sidewalks, and signs. Work together to make your community safe for everyone.
- **Keep the Fun Going!** Visit rif.org/ece for more fun, hands-on activities to help your child learn, play, and explore their community!