



Reading Is  
Fundamental

# Featured Activity:

## Crack the Code

### DEAR JUNO

by Soyung Pak

**Book summary:** Juno's grandmother writes in Korean and Juno writes in drawings, but that doesn't mean they can't exchange letters. From the photo his grandmother sends him, Juno can tell that she has a new cat. From the picture he makes for her, Juno's grandmother can tell that he wants her to come for a visit. So she sends Juno a miniature plane, to let him know she's on the way. This tender tale is a perfect introduction to the concept of foreign cultures and far-off lands.



### DIRECTIONS

**Estimated time:** 20 minutes

1. Before visiting the school, print out copies of the Crack the Code handout.
2. Read *Dear Juno* to the group. Talk about what you've just read. Did they enjoy the story of Juno and his grandmother? Does anyone in the class like to write letters? Has anyone ever received a special letter from a friend or family member who lives far away?
3. Distribute the handout and encourage children to "crack the code!"
4. Walk around the room and offer help to the students.
5. After they have completed the handout, ask one of the children to read the "secret message"—Beware! Pirates Dead Ahead! Turn East.

# CRACK THE CODE

## Save Our Ship

You are the captain of a cargo boat carrying packages and letters across the Pacific Ocean. You receive this coded message from a passing ship. You know there are pirates in the area. It's up to you to decipher this message to avoid the pirates before they attack. Good luck!



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