

Some Kind of Love

A RIF GUIDE FOR COMMUNITY COORDINATORS

Themes: Love, Family, Relationships, Traditions

Grade Level: K to 5th grade

Book Brief: A family reunion told through poems.

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TIME TO READ!

Before reading: Through poems, this book tells the story of a family reunion. Find out if any of the children have ever been to a family reunion. Do any of them have aunts, uncles, cousins or grandparents who live with them? Who live nearby?

**Note: This book will work best if read over a few days instead of all at once.*

RELATED ACTIVITIES

LOVELY LILAC SPRIGS (AGES 9-12)

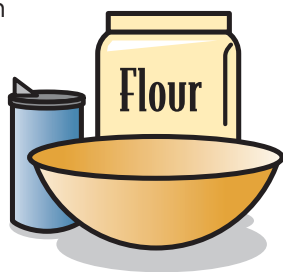
Materials: paper, purple and green paint, brushes, sponges

Make lilac paintings like on the title page of the book. Have each child paint a green line on their paper for the lilac stem. Give the stem two leaves. Dip the sponge in the purple paint and dab it at the end of the stem in a triangle to make the flowers.

DOUGH BAIT (AGES 5-8)

Materials: 1 cup salt, 4 cups flour, 1 1/2 cups warm water, medium bowl

Mix flour and salt together. Add water. Knead dough, adding a little flour if it is too sticky. Roll out like cookie dough. Use cookie cutters to make fun shapes.



COMMUNITY ALBUM

Materials: plastic zip baggies, glue or tape, family photos, stapler, pen, markers, construction paper



1. Staple several baggies together at the closed (non-zip) end. Cut the construction paper so it will fit into the baggies. Give each child one page to decorate.
2. Have children glue on or draw pictures of their families. Let them label and decorate their pages.
3. Put each page into its own bag and zip shut. Staple the baggies together at the closed (non-zip) end to make a book.
4. If you want, make a front and back cover to put in the first and last baggies.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

OTHER POETIC BOOKS

Amazing Faces, Lee Bennett Hopkins (2010), *Hush!*, Minfong Ho (2000), *Up and Down the Andes*, Laurie Krebs (2011).

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