

My Name Is María Isabel

A RIF GUIDE FOR COMMUNITY COORDINATORS

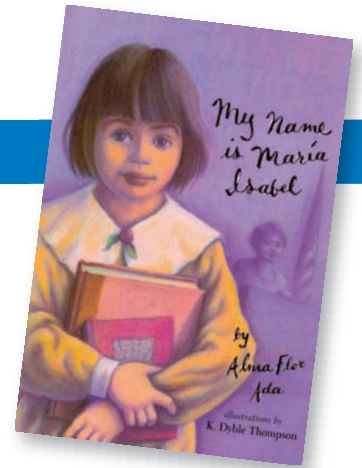
Themes: Latino Culture, Family, Transitions, Social Situations, School

Grade Level: 2nd to 5th grade

Book Brief: For María, switching to a new school is more difficult than usual when the teacher decides to call her Mary.

Author:
Alma Flor Ada

Illustrator:
K. Dyble Thompson



TIME TO READ!

Before reading: Discuss the importance of names. The little girl in the story is proud of her name because she was named after relatives. Find out if your kids know who they were named after and why, or what their names mean. Are their names important to them?

RELATED ACTIVITIES

TISSUE PAPER FLOWERS (AGES 5-12)

Alma Flor, the author's name, means "soul flower" in Spanish. Make tissue paper flowers in honor of the author!

Materials: tissue paper, yarn, tape, scissors

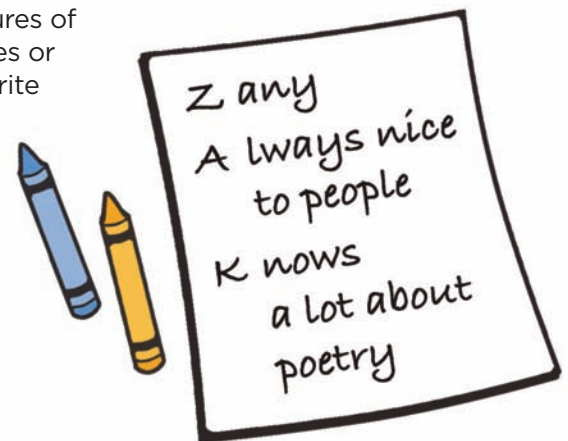
1. Stack six sheets of tissue paper. They can be different colors or all the same color. Fold the stack like a fan/accordion.
2. Cut folded paper fan in half through the middle. Each half will make one flower.
3. Take one half (still folded) and trim both ends into a rounded point.
4. Tie yarn around the center of each folded fan of paper.
5. Gently separate each layer of the folded paper by pulling up and down until you have a circular shape.
6. Tape ends together at the top and bottom so the flower will stay open.

THE NAME GAME (AGES 7-12)

Materials: paper, pencils, crayons or markers

Have the children write acrostic poems using their names. For each letter of their name, they should think of a word or phrase that describes them. They should decorate their poems with pictures of themselves or their favorite things.

Example:



ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

OTHER BOOKS BY THIS AUTHOR

I Love Saturdays y domingos (2004), *Dancing Home* (2011), *Yours Truly, Goldilocks* (2001), *With Love, Little Red Hen* (2004), *The Lizard and the Sun* (1999).

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