

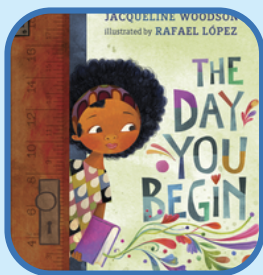
BOOK OF THE MONTH:

The Day You Begin

by Jacqueline Woodson

Ages: 4-8 years old

1. Introducing the book:



Exploring the Cover



Look at the picture of the book's author, Jacqueline Woodson. Do you think she looks a little bit like the girl we see on the cover? What is similar, what is different?

Building Background

Everybody is different, but equally important. Before reading the book, find a few differences/similarities with your friends:

- Find someone who has the same eye color;
 - Find someone who speaks the same language as you do at home;
 - Find someone who has the same number of siblings;
- You can come up with as many ideas as you like to continue the game.

2. Reading the book:

While reading the book, notice how the mood of the characters changes.

- How does Rigoberto feel when he has to introduce himself to the class? What changes?
- Why did Angelina find it difficult to tell a story about her summer?
- How did Rigoberto make Angelina feel? What did the friends find that was similar between them?

3. After reading the book:

Guess Who?



- Learning to classify, differentiate and observe;
- Learning to communicate ideas about characteristics of things.



- Developing vocabulary about human features;
- Learning to structure questions.



Print the character sheet for the number of players. Ask each player to pick one of the 8 characters. The goal of the game is to guess which character they picked by asking questions about them. For example: Does your character have long hair/closed eyes/a smile on their face?

Friendship Garland



- Learning about diversity and community;
- Developing a positive self-identity.



- Practicing fine motor skills while using a variety of art tools such as scissors, crayons, etc.



Invite the children to decorate the person outline to their liking with a variety of art materials. When finished, cut the person out and join it with the ones created by the others to make a garland of paper persons.

References and resources

Guess Who - Activity Sheet

Person outline template

Legend



Cognitive



Socio-emotional



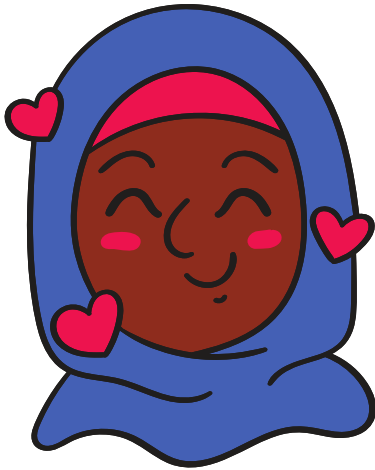
Language



Physical

Guess Who

Qui est-ce ?



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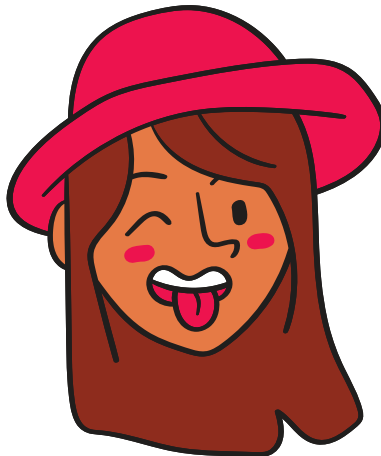
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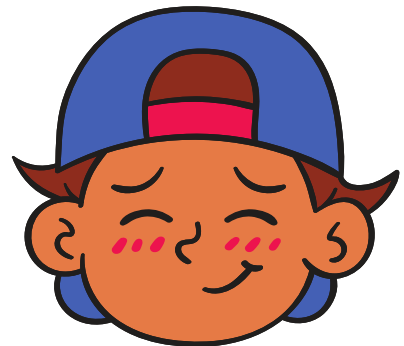
Kevin



Alex



Sofia



Diego



Katie



Julie

