

Classroom Discussion and Activity Guide

Extension Activity: Reflection—Text-to-Self; Text-to-World

Extension Activity: Writing—Explore Your Own Curiosity

It's Okay, Just Ask

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An uplifting immigration story about tackling new experiences with curiosity

A child is encouraged to speak up while she navigates change and finds her place in her new community.



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Ages 4 to 7, Grade 2+

Before Reading:

- What holidays does your family celebrate? How do you celebrate? Do your friends celebrate the same way?
- If you have a question, who do you ask for help? Why do you ask that person?

After Reading:

Reflection—Text-to-Self

- The main character felt unsure about the first day of school. Have you ever felt that way before? What happened?
- In the beginning of the story, the mom admitted that she wasn't feeling completely okay. If someone you know feels upset, how can you help them?

Reflection—Text-to-World

- Why would someone have to leave their home and go to a new country?

CURRICULUM CONNECTIONS

Cross-Curricular Connection: Social Studies
Social-Emotional Learning: Self-Awareness; Self-Esteem; Relationship Skills
Character Education: Positive Communication; Compassion; Caring

READING LEVELS

Fountas & Pinnell: M
Lexile® Measure: AD540
Common Core: RL.2, W.2, SL.2, L.2



Writing: Explore Your Own Curiosity

Whether it's the first day of school, or facing a change at home, it's okay to be unsure about things! What is something you feel unsure about right now? Do you have a question you'd like to ask? Sometimes, it helps to write it down:



Is there a country you'd like to visit? Which one? Do some research and write down what you learn about this country:



Is there a holiday that you are curious about? Which one? Do some research and write down what you learn about this holiday:


