

Welcome! Before We Begin...

Please use the chat to tell us:

What is something that brings you
joy? Why?



Joyful Reading at School and at Home: Community of Practice

April 15, 2021



Virtual Meeting Norms



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Use chat to support each other



Mute unless speaking



Ask questions, use emojis, raise hands



Participate fully



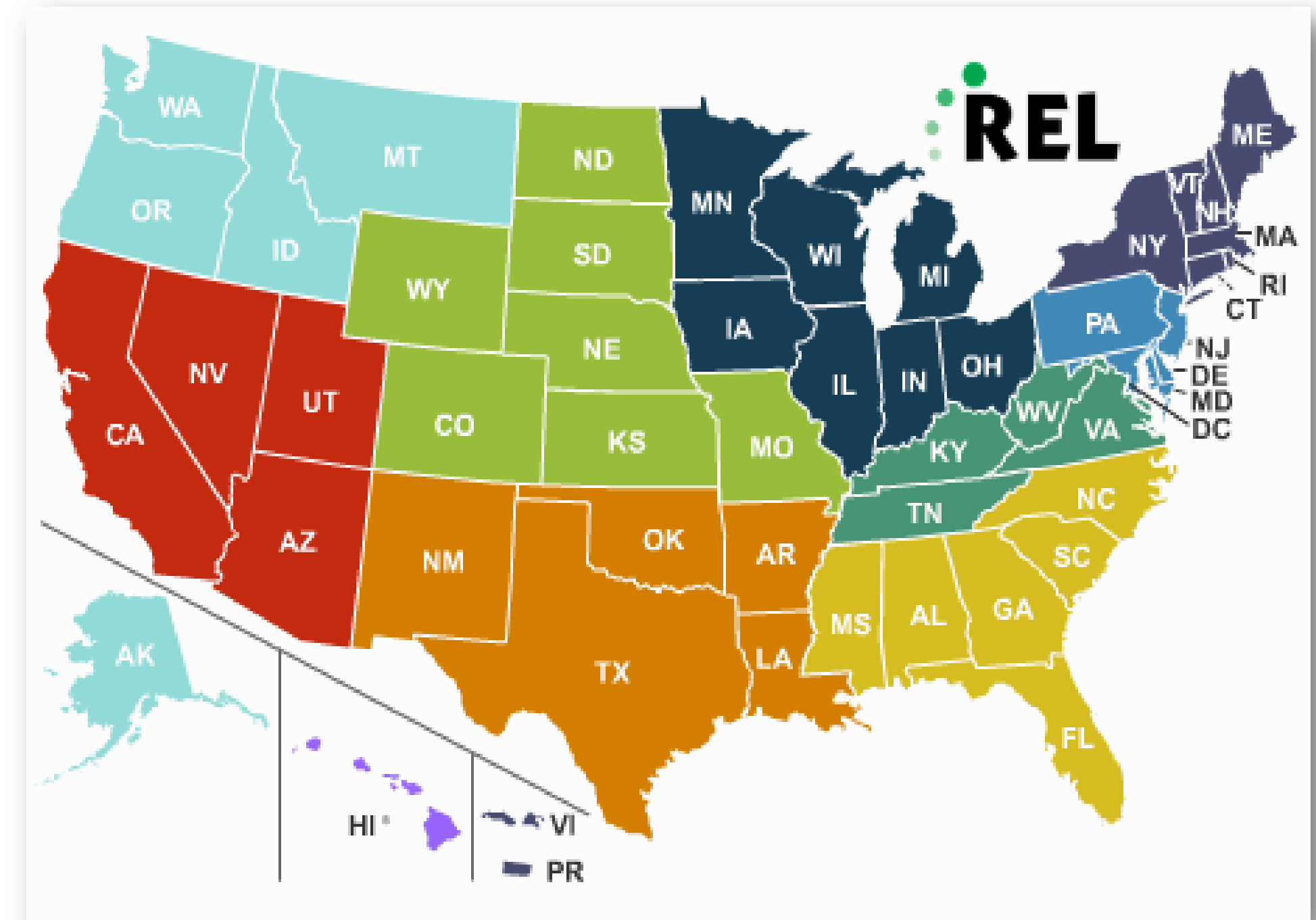
Have fun learning!

Poll: Who is Joining Us Today?



Regional Educational Laboratory West

- Conduct applied research
- Provide technical support around data collection, evidence use, and research
- Facilitate dissemination of actionable research evidence



Joyful Reading Webinar Series

Webinar 1: January 28, 2021

Choosing culturally empowering, language-rich, and affirming books; prioritizing joyful reading with a school and home routine

Community of Practice 1: February 25, 2021

Reflect on what you tried after Webinar #1 and discuss what you learned with others

Webinar 2: March 25, 2021

Cultivating a love of books through oral re-telling, creative writing, and the arts

Community of Practice 2: April 15, 2021

Reflect on what you tried after Webinar #2, discuss what you learned with others, share a student artifact

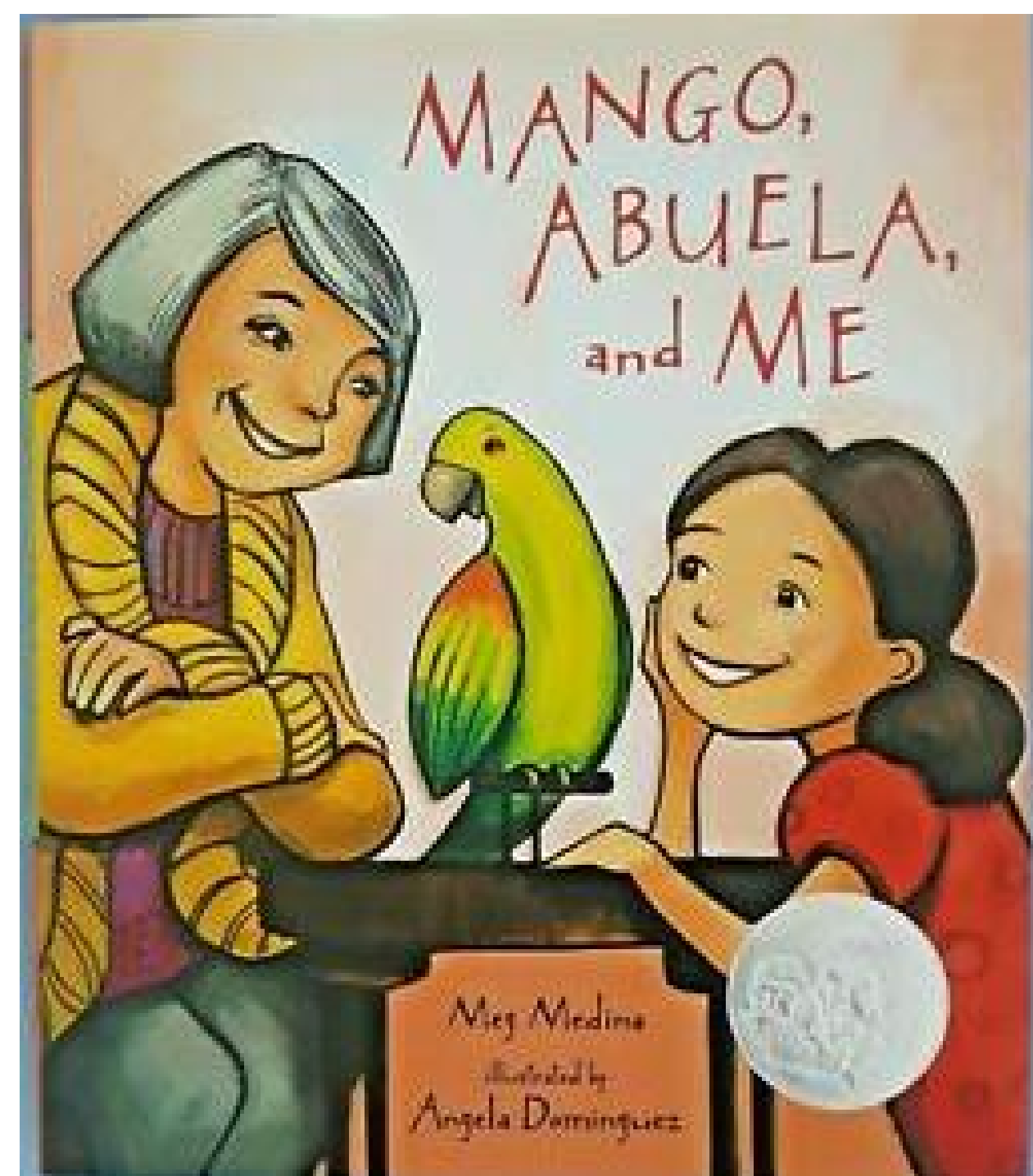
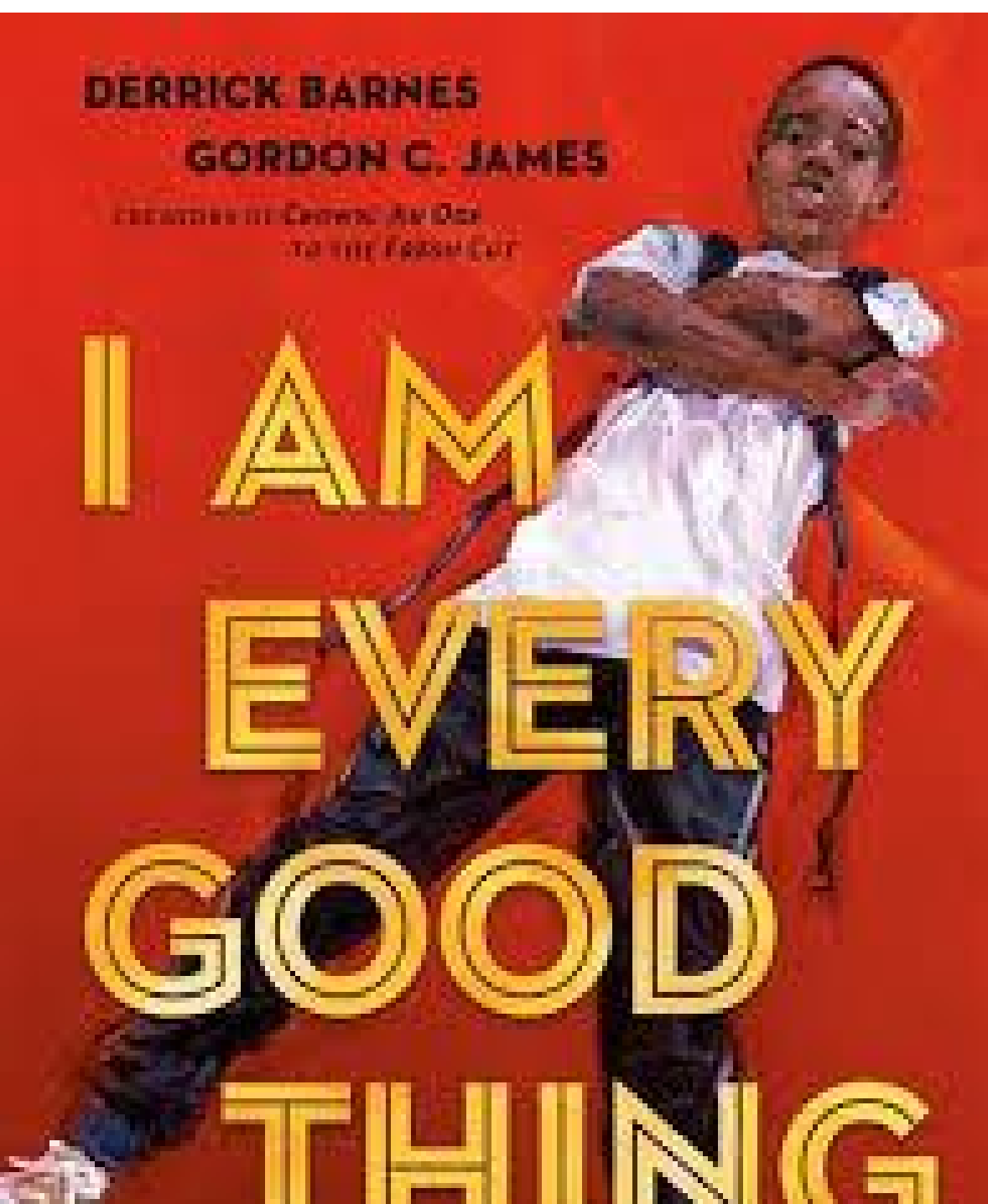
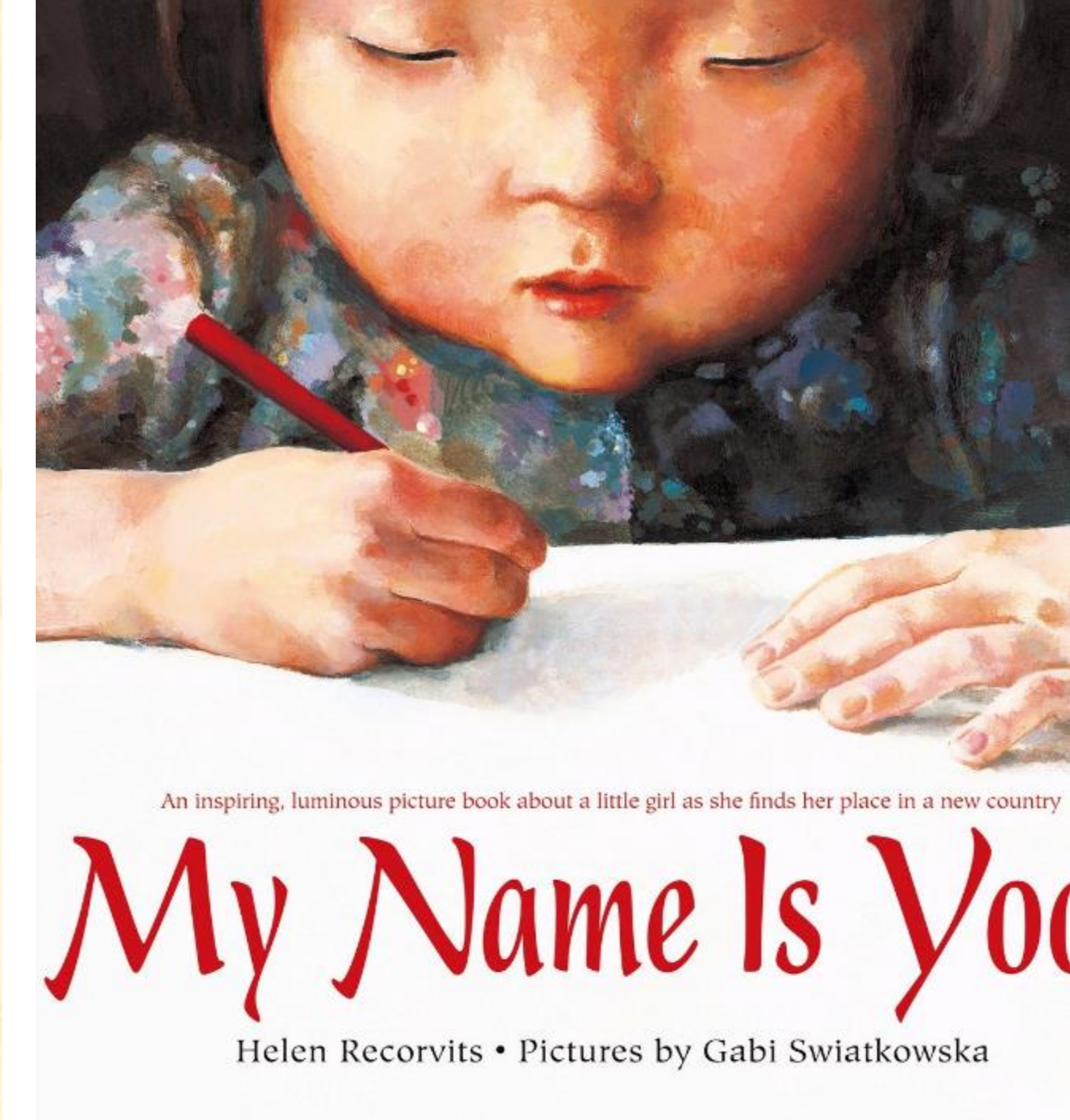
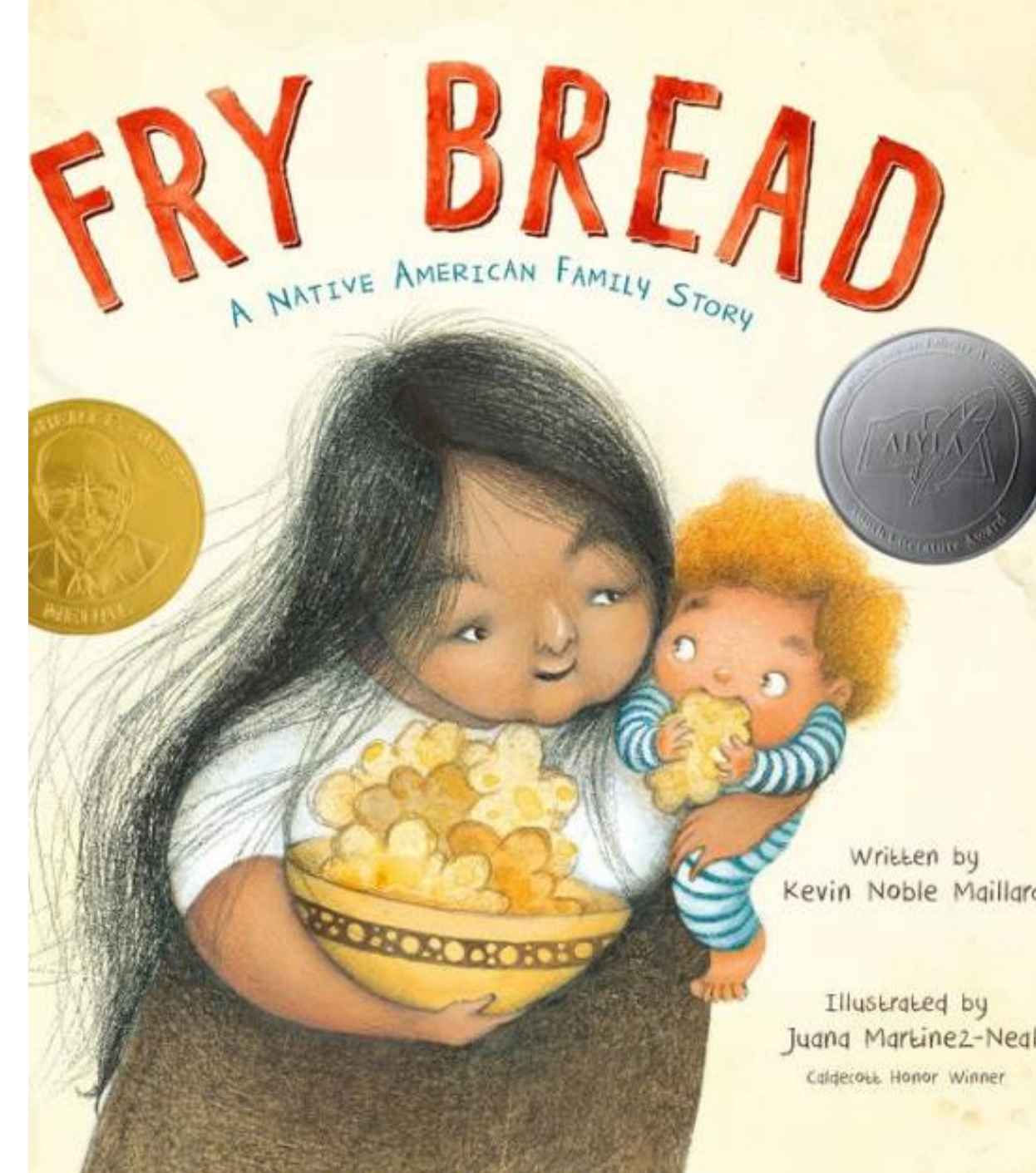
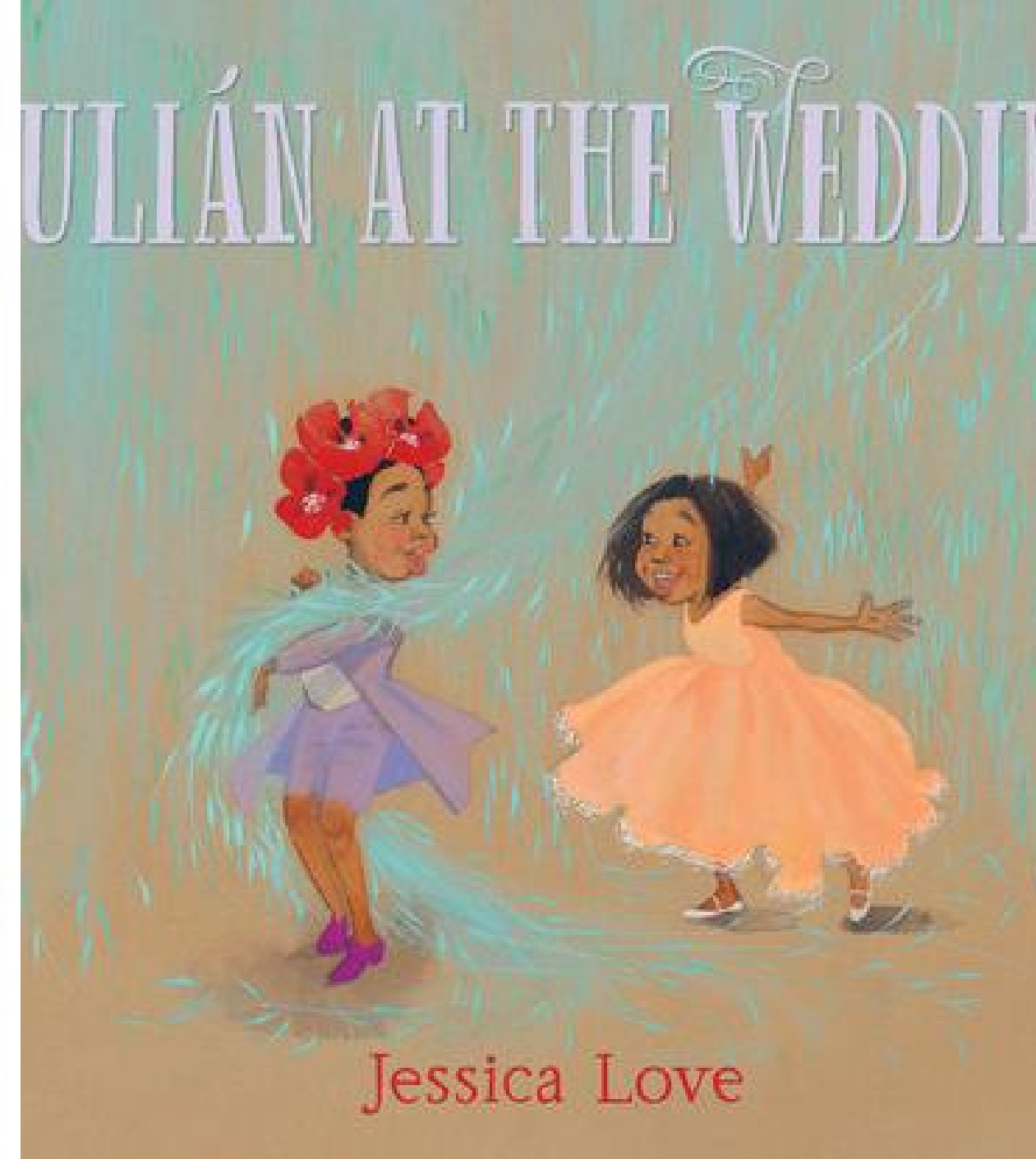
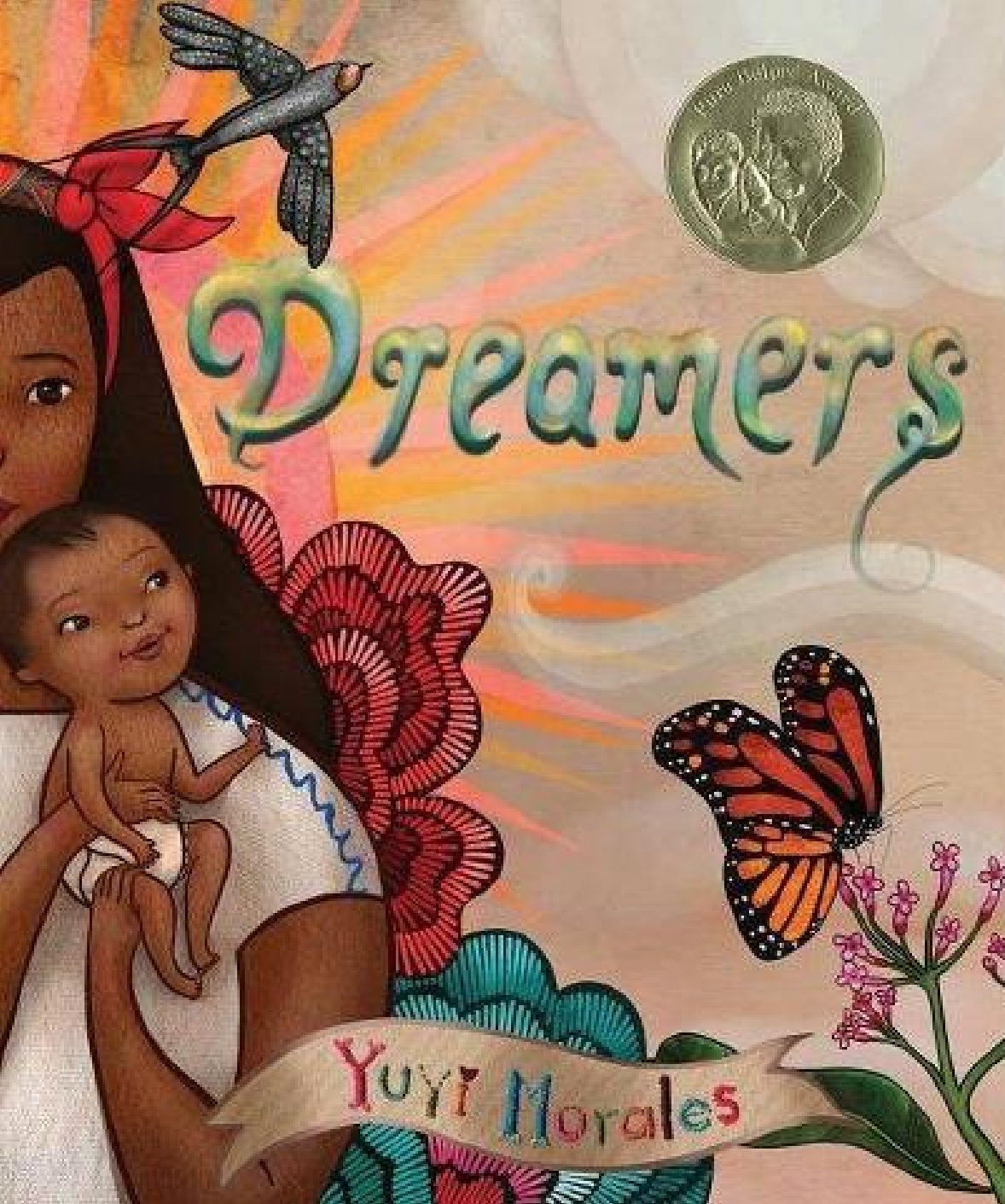
Settling In Activity



Today's Agenda

- Briefly review March 25, 2021 webinar topics
- **Padlet Exploration:** Explore the resources in the Padlet
- **Small Group Discussions:** Reflect with your peers on successes, challenges, next steps
- **Whole Group:** Discuss next steps





Joyful Reading Recap:

Culturally affirming books
Rich language and illustrations
Lots of talking before, during, after

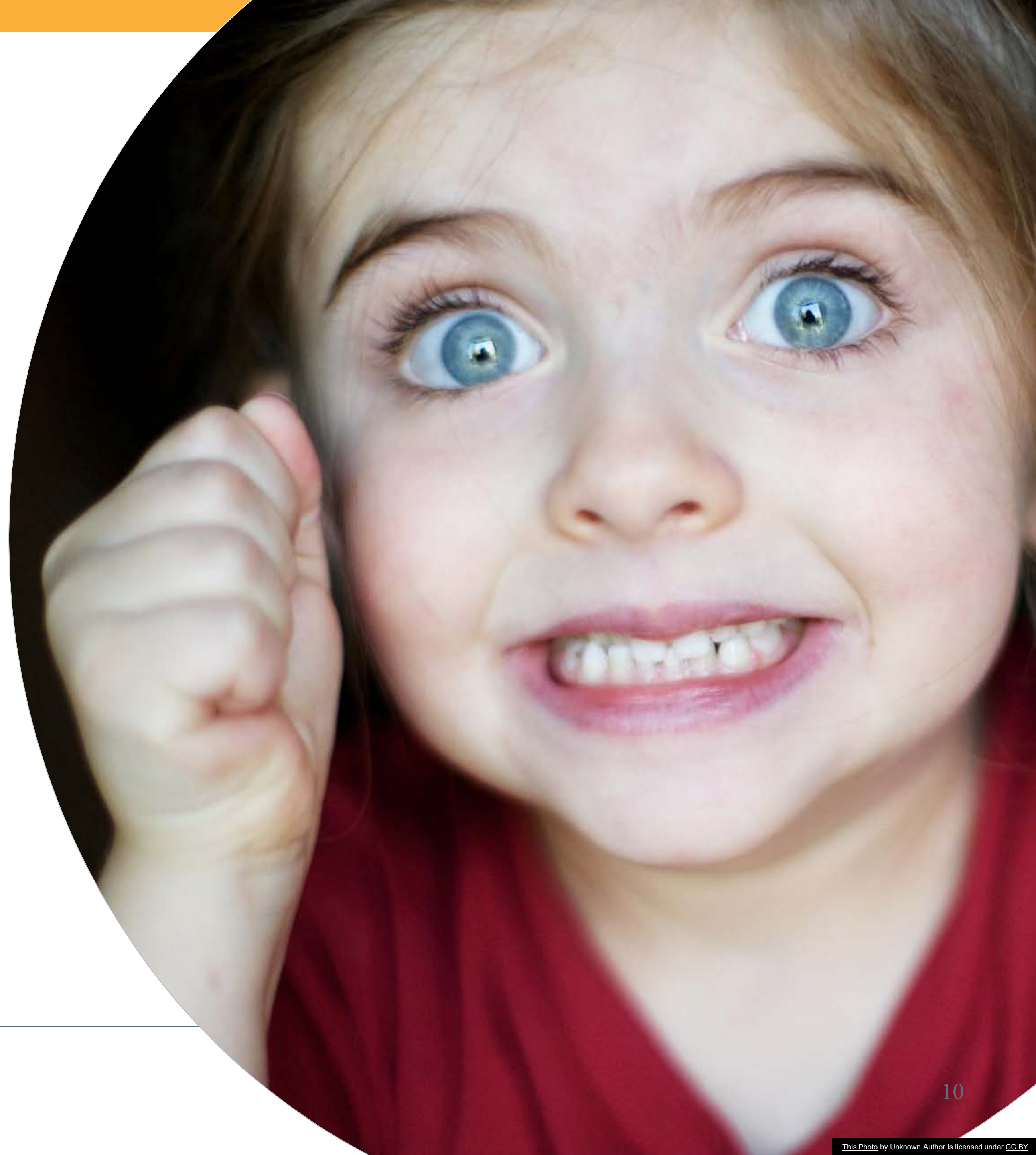
Joyful Reading Routine for at School and at Home

Before Reading: Let's get excited to read!

While Reading: Let's connect with the ideas and art!

After Reading: Let's talk about what we think and how we feel!

Creative Expression Activities: Poetry, Visual Arts, Kindness, Mindfulness, Movement, Literacy, and more!



Why Prioritize Creativity? (1)

Creative expression and arts-integrated experiences...

- Help children to express themselves and to communicate their understandings about the world around them and their identities
- Promote positive social and emotional development, enhance self-esteem and self-awareness
- Foster motivation and engagement, increase connectedness to school, boost school attendance and academic achievement, and improve school climate

(College Board, 2012; Catterall, 2009; Peppler et al, 2014; Robinson, 2013)

Why Prioritize Creativity? (2)

Arts-integrated experiences promote language and literacy development:

- Music, creative movement, and visual arts promote oral language and ELA achievement (Ludwig, Boyle & Lindsey, 2017)
- Dance and drama support oral language skills and vocabulary development (Ludwig, Boyle & Lindsey, 2017)
- Music education is correlated with reading fluency (Gazzaniga, 2008)
- Engaging and motivating activities connected to literacy cultivate students' interest in reading, which supports reading development (Shanahan et al, 2010)



I Am Every Good Thing

By Derrick Barnes,
Illustrated by Gordon C. James

*Ideas for enjoying
the book at home*

Created by Pam Spycher

About the Book:

Before reading this book with your child, find out a little bit about it so you can help your child experience joyfulness while reading with you. This is a book about being proud of everything that makes us who we are. It's about self-love and the power of affirmations. Children will see themselves reflected in the Black narrator of this book because he tells us how talented, smart, hilarious, loving, and curious he is—just like all children are. Sometimes he is afraid, but then he remembers that he is brave, hopeful, and worthy of kindness, respect, safety, and happiness. Your child will relate to the beautiful ideas in this book, delight in the beautiful illustrations, and be inspired creatively.

Jump into Joyful Reading!

Invite your child to share their thinking and ask questions as you enjoy the book together. The main thing is to have fun and enjoy one another's company as you read together. Here are some things you can say and do to create a joyful reading experience for your child.



Before Reading:

- What do you notice about the cover?
- What do you think about the title?
- What do you think we will discover in this book?



While Reading:

- What do you notice in the picture?
- What do you think about what we just read?
- What are you curious about now?



After Reading:

- What did you think about the book?
- How did it make you feel?
- What was your favorite part?
- What are some good things you can say about yourself?

Turn the page over for
creative expression ideas!

Creative Expression Activities

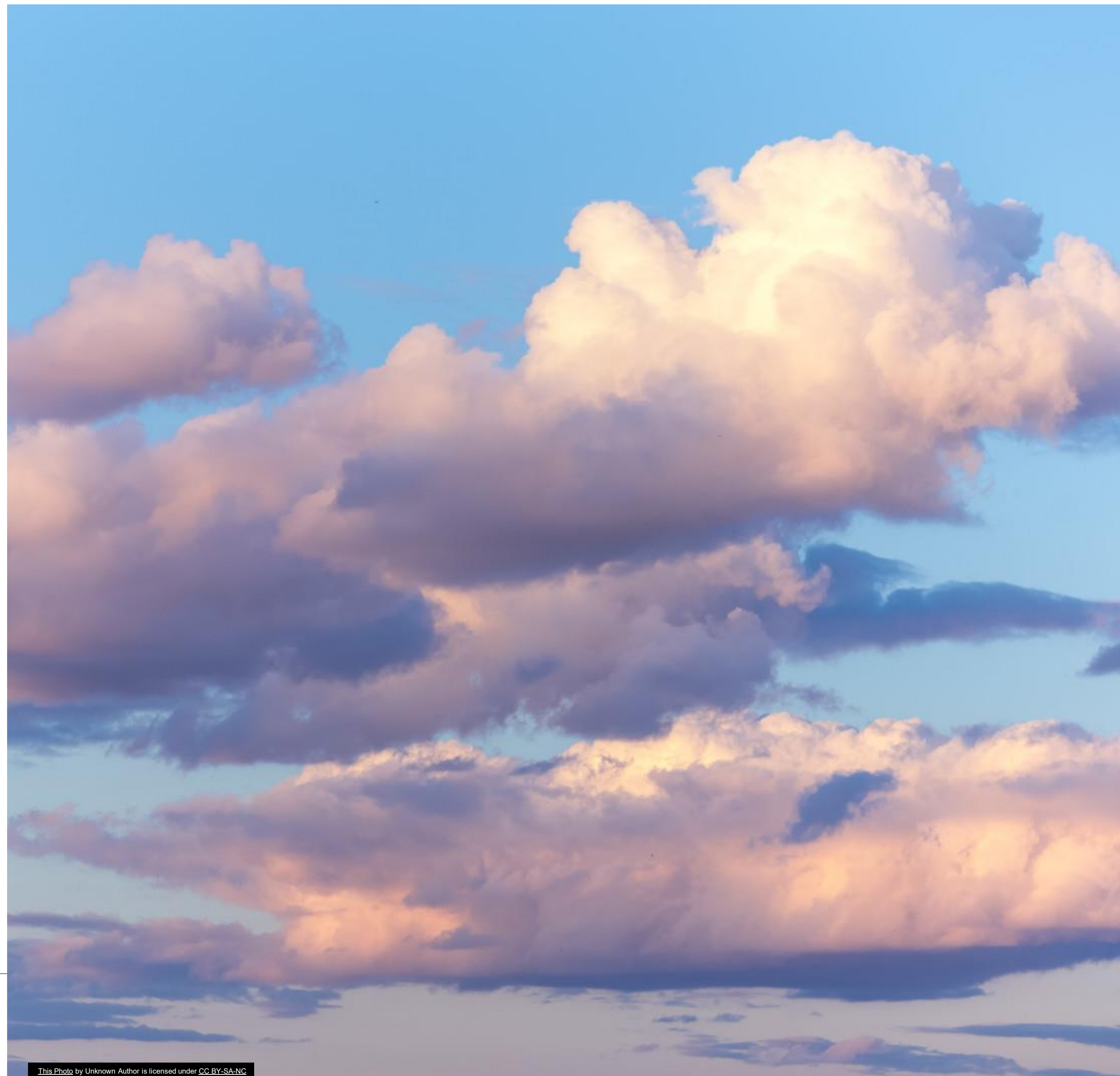
After you read the book, unleash your imagination and creativity!
Use the ideas below to choose your own adventure. What other ideas did the book inspire your amazing mind to think of?

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<p>Craft an "I Am" poem. Start each line with "I am ..." and try to use some of the words from the book.</p> <p>You can write the poem on your own or tell someone your words, and they can write it.</p> <p>If you want to, draw a picture to go with your poem.</p>	<p>Draw, color, paint, collage, or build something that shows what you are thinking or feeling about the book.</p> <p>Your creation might be about ...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• your favorite part of the book• how the book makes you feel• one of the affirmations from the book	<p>Begin and end each day with kind and loving self-talk.</p> <p>Choose affirmations from the book or your own words.</p> <p>Here's an example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• I am loved.• I am safe.• I am kind.• I am every good thing.
 Mindfulness and Self-Awareness	 Movement, Music and Drama	 Literacy and Oracy
<p>Sit very still or lie down somewhere comfortable. Close your eyes and be very still. Take three, slow, deep breaths and fill your belly up with air.</p> <p>Notice how it makes you feel calmer.</p> <p>Now, breathe normally, and imagine that you are breathing in all the love in the world and then breathing out all your love to the world.</p> <p>Open your eyes and give yourself a big hug. Smile. You are loved!</p>	<p>Put on your favorite song, and dance! When the music stops, freeze! Your parent, family member, or caregiver will say some words from the book.</p> <p>When the music starts again, show what those words mean through dance. Here are some of the words you might hear:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• a nonstop ball of energy• the glow of moonbeams• a cool breeze• a roaring flame of creativity• the boom-bap-boom-boom-bap• waves crashing gently on the shore	<p>How about writing and illustrating your own "I am" book?</p> <p>Start by talking about all the things that are good about you (at least 10!). You can begin each page with "I am ..." or pick your own way to begin.</p> <p>If you want to, you can borrow some of the beautiful ideas, words, and pictures from "I Am Every Good Thing" and use them in your book. Or, you can make your book completely unique.</p> <p>This is all about you!</p>

Home and School Reading Guide

Creative Expression

- Kindness and Community
- Mindfulness and Self-Awareness
- Visual and Digital Arts
- Movement and Music
- Poetry
- Literacy and Oracy



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Side 2 Focus: Creative Expression Activities

Let's Explore the Padlet!

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Joyful Reading Resources

Made for joyful reading, creative expression, and love

"I Am Every Good Thing" Home Reading Guide and Resources

I Am Every Good Thing Home Reading Guide - English

Use this guide to promote joyful reading and creative expression at home and at school.

I Am Every Good Thing

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"I Am Every Good Thing" Home Reading Guide - Spanish

I Am Every Good Thing Home Reading Guide - Spanish

Use this guide to promote joyful reading and creative expression at home and at school.

Soy Todo Lo Bueno

Por Derrick Barnes, Ilustrado por Gordon C. James

Ideas para disfrutar el libro en casa

Creado por Pam Spycher

Sobre el Libro:

Antes de leer este libro con su hijo/a, encuentre un poco de información sobre el libro y el autor para que pueda compartir con su hijo/a. Este es un libro sobre ser orgulloso de todo lo que nos hace quienes somos. Es sobre el amor por uno mismo y por todo lo que nos hace únicos. Este es un libro sobre sentirse orgulloso de todo lo que nos hace quienes somos.

Antes de leer:

- ¿Qué notas sobre la portada?
- ¿Qué piensas sobre el título?
- ¿Qué crees que descubrirás en este libro?

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"Esther the Wonder Pig" Home Reading Guide and Resources

Home Reading & Activity Guide

Esther the Wonder Pig

By Steve Jenkins, David Walker, and Cynthia Cross, Illustrated by Cori Doerfeldt

Ideas for enjoying the book at home

Created by Pam Spycher

About the Book:

Once upon a time, little Esther and David, adopted a "weird" pig named Esther. They had to live with their new buddy right away, but they had no idea that she would give so big!

Before Reading:

- What do you notice about the cover?
- What do you think about the title?
- What do you think we will discover in this book?

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Esther the Wonder Pig Home Reading Guide - Spanish

Esther, una cerdita maravillosa

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Home Reading Card Template

Fillable Template - English Version

Use this fillable form to create your own home and school reading activity guide for your favorite joyful read aloud books!

Title, Author, Illustrator:

Ideas for enjoying the book at home

Created by:

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Presentation Videos and Slides

Joyful Reading Webinar #1 Video Recording (January 28, 2021)

Today's Topics

- Discuss ways of fostering culturally empowering, language-rich, and affirming books
- Learn a practical at-school and at-home routine for joyful, interactive, culturally-affirming, and language-rich, book reading
- Explore ideas for supporting parents and families through distance learning

Joyful reading at school and at home: A ... by Institute of Education Sciences YouTube

Joyful Reading Webinar #1 Slides (January 28, 2021)

Box box

Joyful Reading Community of Practice

Link to the Padlet for our first community of practice on Feb. 25.

Please post your reflections and student samples on the Padlet this link takes you to.

Joyful Reading Community of Practice 1... Please post a short description of what y... pam spycher

Link to the Padlet for our second community of practice on April 15.

Coming soon!

Parent/Family/Caregiver Engagement

For Families

Check out these resources from ¡Colorín Colorado!

For Families

As a parent, there are many ways that yo... colorin colorado

What Parents Have to Teach Us About Their Dual Language Children

See this great resource from NAEYC.

What Parents Have to Teach Us About T... My children, 5-year-old Marie and 4-year... naeyc

Recursos en Español

Resources for parents in Spanish from NAEYC!

Culturally Affirming and Joyful Book Lists

Multicultural and Diverse Books for Preschool, Grade 1, and Grade 2

Pre K, Kindergarten, Grade 1 - 2 Books | ... LEE & LOW's unique book collections incl... leeandlow

22 Diverse Book Choices for All Grade Levels

22 Diverse Book Choices for All Grade L... In a vibrant, multicultural society, represe... edutopia

BLACK EXPERIENCES: AFFIRMATION AND RESILIENCE, ACTIVISM AND RESISTANCE IN 45 BOOKS FOR PREK-GRADE 12

Culturally Sustaining Teaching and Affirming Identity in the Classroom

Affirming Cultural Identity

These are some great resources from the Building Equitable Learning Environments (BEL) Network.

BELE Library - Affirming Cultural Identity Study

Fostering Identity Safety in Your Classroom

Check out these helpful resources from Edutopia.

Fostering Identity Safety in Your Classroom According to Dorothy M. Steele edutopia

How to Create a Culturally Affirming Classroom

Let's talk and chat!



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Please share in the chat or raise your hand to share:

- one or more creative expression activities you have tried OR
- a creative expression activity from the Padlet you are excited to try.

Dance Break



Small Group Discussions: Mindful Agreements

- Seek to understand ... be curious and listen deeply
- Embrace “Yes and” ... build on each other’s ideas
- Share the air ... step up, step back, invite others in
- Resist the urge to deviate from the protocol

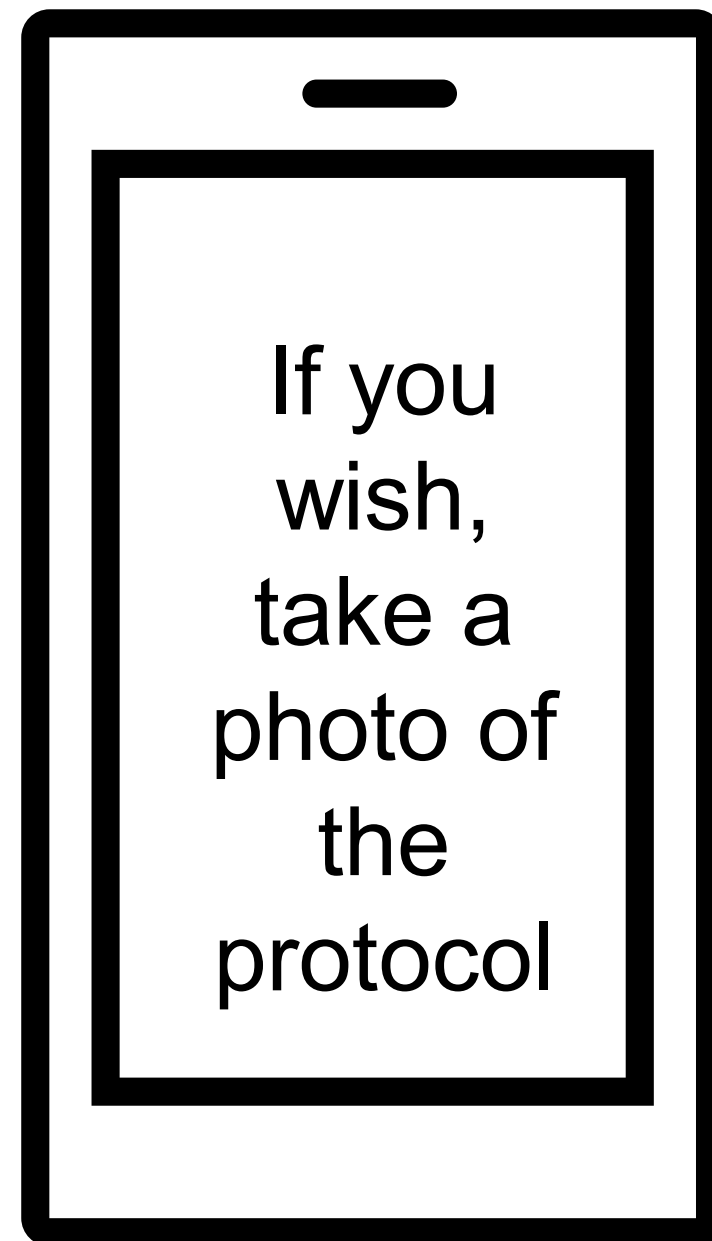


Small Group Discussions: Mindful Sharing Protocol (20 minutes total)



1. Say hello and introduce yourselves, share a fun fact.
2. Identify a timekeeper.
3. Take turns sharing what you tried out – or plan to try out (success, challenges, next steps).
 - Each person has **a full two minutes** to share (take up space!).
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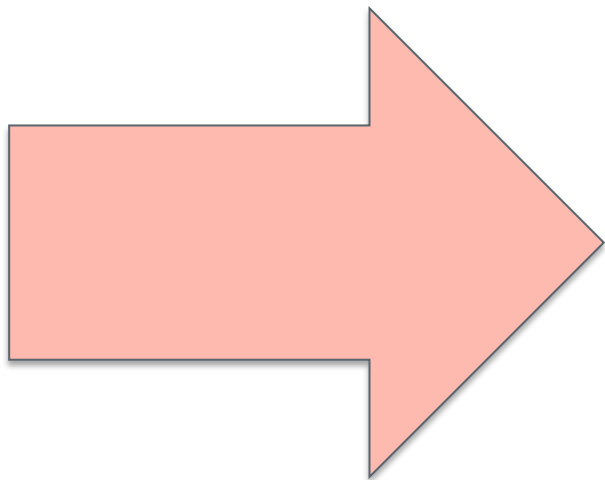
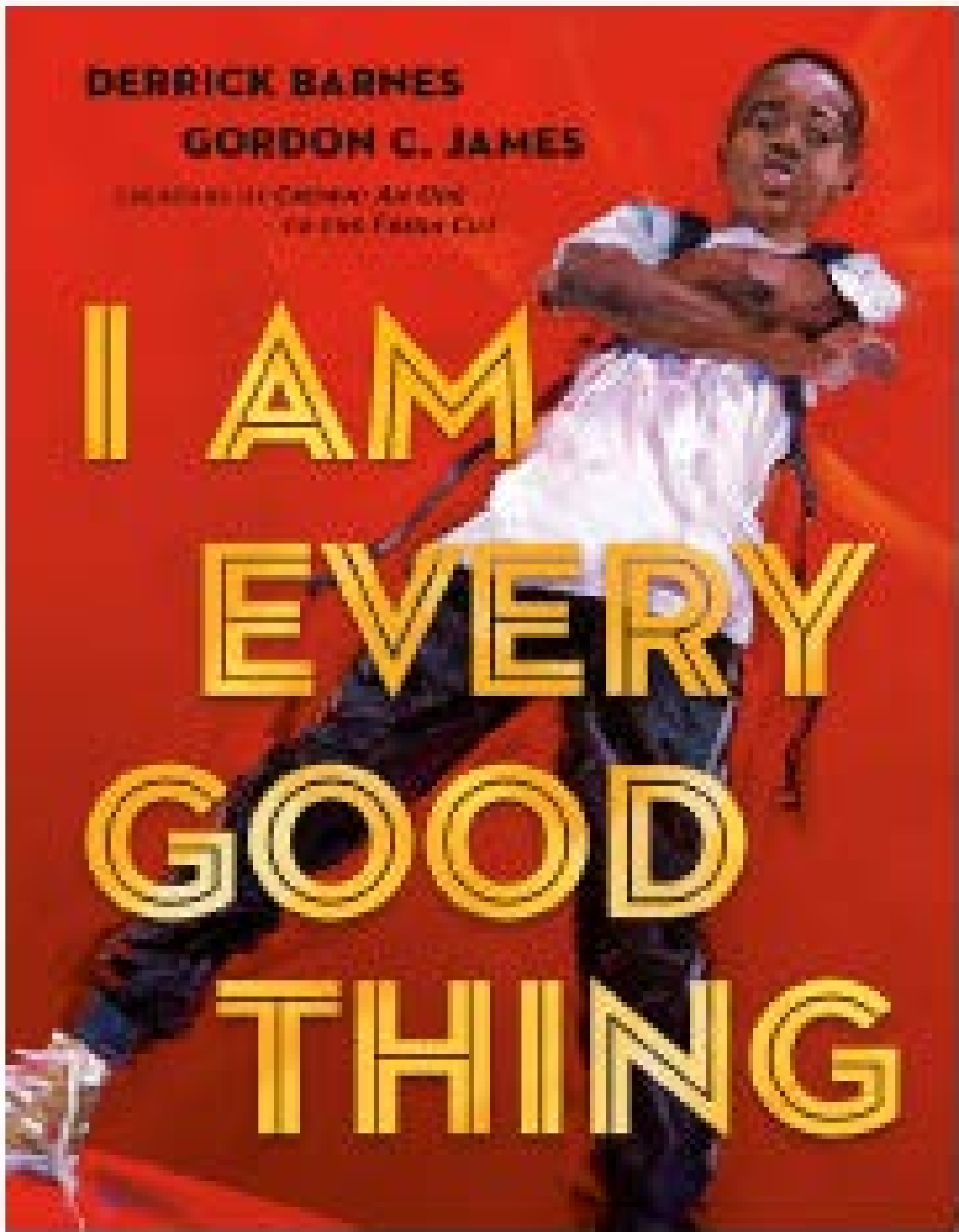
Debrief and Q&A


Type into the chat some key take-aways:

- A great idea you heard
- An insight you had
- Questions you now have
- What you're excited to do next





Affirmations



	 Kindness and Community
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Affirmations

	 Amabilidad
	Me aman. Estoy a salvo. Soy amable. Soy todo lo bueno.

	 Kindness and Community
	انا محبوب. أنا بأمان. أنا طيب. انا كل شئ جيد.

Poll: What would you like next?



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Thank you for being here!

“The one thing that you have that nobody else has is you. Your voice, your mind, your story, your vision. So write and draw and build and play and dance and live only as you can.”

– Neil Gaiman



Check Your Email

- ❖ Survey link
- ❖ Webinar 2 recording

Questions? Please contact us at
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