

Illinois Reads

Illinois Reads selects books that promote reading and offer a variety of topics and themes. This brochure contains fun reading and writing activities for you and your child to complete together!

2018 Books: K-2



Summary:

- This lively story provides an important message of both social acceptance and diversity to young readers. Friendship, self-esteem, culture, and acceptance are celebrated and promoted throughout this picture book.

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Activities:

- English Language Learners
 - Draw yourself and your family! You can label each family member, too.
- Special Education Students
 - Make your self-portrait out of food! Grab fruits, veggies, and other food that inspire your self-portrait.
- Gifted Students
 - Talk and write about the following question: What can you do if someone is making fun of the clothes you wear, food you eat, or cultural activities you celebrate?
- General Education Students
 - Talk and write about the following question: Is it more important to focus on the inside or outside of a person?

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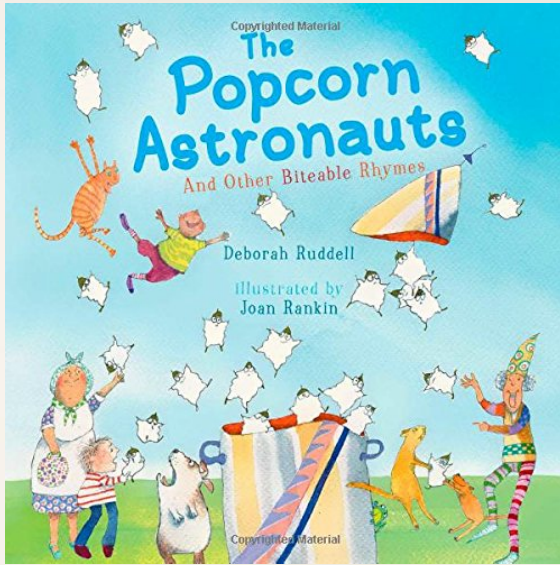
- This story follows a young girl whose mom works for the president of the United States, or POTUS. Penny does not know what that term means and her imagination runs wild!

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Activities:

- English Language Learners
 - Draw and design a poster if you were running for president! You can make campaign pins, too.
- Special Education Students
 - Fill in the blanks! If I met the president, I would feel [adjective]. We would [verb] and [verb] that day! Keep the story going, too!
- Gifted Students
 - Write a campaign speech or letter for if you ran for president! What would you do for our country?
- General Education Students
 - If you could spend the day with the president, what would you want to do? What would you ask him or her? Draw a picture, too!

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- **Summary:**
 - This picture book features a fun collection of delicious poems, each following a favorite food!

Activities:

- English Language Learners
 - Draw a picture of your favorite food! Write words that go with your food, like yummy or good!
- Special Education Students
 - Think of adjectives that best describe your favorite food! Then, make an acrostic poem!
- Gifted Students
 - Write a collection of poems of your favorite foods! Ask your family what their favorite foods are to include in your collection.
- General Education Students
 - Write a poem about your favorite food! It can be an acrostic poem, too.

**Be sure to share your drawings, writings, and readings
with one another!**