



Sample Lesson Plan for World Read Aloud Day

Text: The Shivers in the Fridge by Fran Manushkin, illustrated by Paul O. Zelinsky

Grade level: Primary

Materials: Cut-out paper circles or ovals
Markers/pencils/crayons
Self-sticking magnet strips

The Shivers in the Fridge is an imaginative story about a family of refrigerator magnets. The book can be used in conjunction with a primary social studies unit on families, or as a stand-alone read aloud. After reading the story, give students circular or oval cut-outs. Students will illustrate the cut-outs with a portrait of each member of their family. When they are done, they will stick a magnetic strip to the back, thus creating their own family of magnets. Finally, have each student come to a magnetic surface (chalkboard, easel, whiteboard) and “introduce” the members of their family to the class. If you wish to incorporate a writing activity as well, you may have students create a script describing each member of their family to guide their presentation.

As an extension to this activity, you may ask students to talk about different traditions in their families. To incorporate global perspective, enlist parent support so the kids may talk about the different cultures from which their families descend in this context. You may then compare and contrast the various family traditions to identify similarities and differences and celebrate all of the rich cultural traditions that exist within America and around the globe.