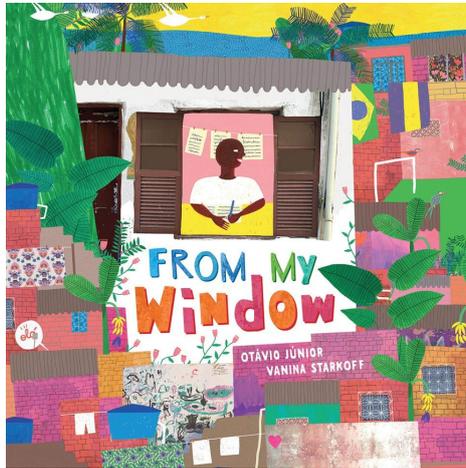


EARLY LITERACY ACTIVITIES FOR FAMILIES

Recommended Age Group: Preschool



Book Highlight:

From My Window

By Otávio Júnior with illustrations by Vanina Starkoff

What do you see from your window? This #OwnVoices picture book from Brazil offers a first-hand view of what children growing up in the favelas of Rio de Janeiro see every day. A vibrant and diverse celebration of urban community living, brought to life by unique, colorful illustrations.

Questions to Ask While Reading

Asking questions while reading is a great way to support your child's learning. Ask questions that draw your child's attention to details in the story, encourage your child to make predictions, help your child understand new words, and support your child in recognizing similarities and differences between the story and their life. Try these out to get started!

Birth - 3 Years Old

What do you see happening in the picture?

Where is his window? Show me!

What games do you like to play with your friends?

What makes you feel sad? Happy?

3 - 5 Years Old

How are people bringing the sea to their homes?

What do you think they are using the cans and strings for in their game?

Why do you think he can't go to school or play ball outside sometimes?

Activities to Keep Children Engaged



Scan to see a video of
From My Window being
read in English.



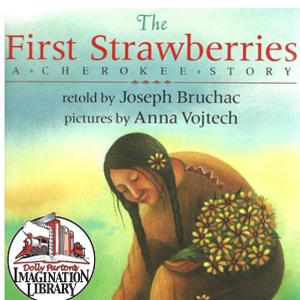
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Foster a love of reading through fun activities!

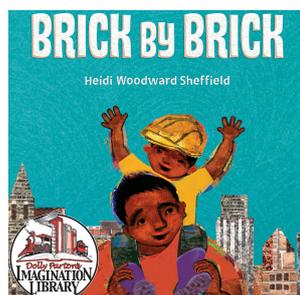
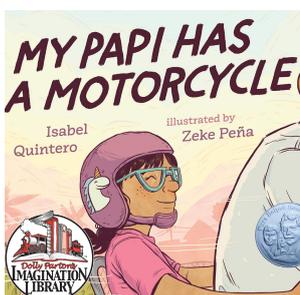
- Look closely at the people in the book. Can your child find someone who looks like them, a member of your family, or a friend?
- Ask your child to choose a window in your home to look out of together. What do you see? If you look at different times of day do you see different things? Your child can draw pictures of what they see and put them together to make their own book!
- Favelas are neighborhoods in Rio de Janeiro that have a rich and complex history. There are issues of poverty and violence, along with strong family relationships and neighborhood pride. Read the author's note at the back of the book to learn more.
- Children around the world live in different types of neighborhoods and homes. Scan the QR code and scroll to the bottom of the page to see a short video about homes around the world.



If your child likes this book, try these next!



*"The seeds of dreams are
often found in books and
the seeds you help plant
in your community can
grow across the world."
~ Dolly Parton*



While you read, observe your child as they:

Describe the relationship between
illustrations and the story in which
they appear.

Ask and answer questions
about a story read
aloud.



Don't receive books from Dolly Parton's
Imagination Library? Scan the code to
sign up so your child will receive one
new book each month!

For additional resources about reading with your child visit tncrr.org and click on 'Resources.'