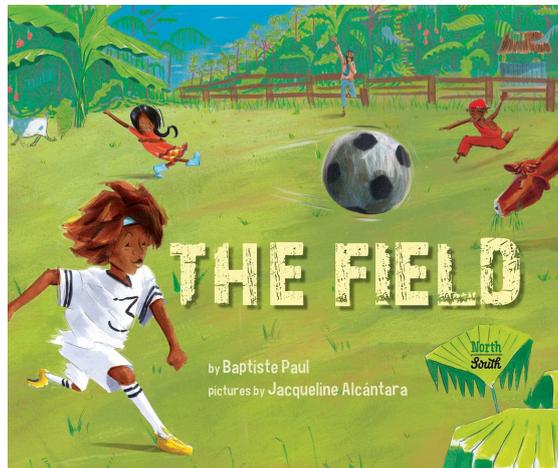


EARLY LITERACY ACTIVITIES FOR FAMILIES

Recommended Age Group: Preschool



Book Highlight:

The Field

By Baptiste Paul with illustrations by Jacqueline Alcántara

The world's most popular and inclusive sport has found its spirited, poetic, and authentic voice in Baptiste Paul's debut picture book—highlighting the joys of the game along with its universal themes: teamwork, leadership, diversity, and acceptance. Creole words (as spoken in St. Lucia, the author's birthplace island in the Caribbean) add spice to the story and are a strong reminder of the sport's world fame.

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

Where do you see the soccer ball? Show me!

What are they kicking the ball with?

Would you like to play in the rain like they do?

What are they dreaming about?

3 - 5 Years Old

What game do you think they are getting ready to play?

It started raining. What do you think they'll do?

Why do they hide their smiles when they get in the tub?

Activities to Keep Children Engaged



Scan to see a video of *The Field* being read by the author in English and Saint Lucian Creole.

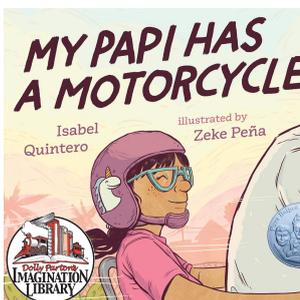
Foster a love of reading through fun activities!

- At the back of the book, you will find a list of the Creole words used throughout the book, along with their pronunciation and English translation. Explore this list with your child and practice saying the Creole words.
- Play soccer together! Try out some of the moves mentioned in the book, like dribble or twist.
- The book ends with the children dreaming. Ask your child what they dream about. Work together to make or pick out a journal that your child can draw, and eventually write, about their dreams in.

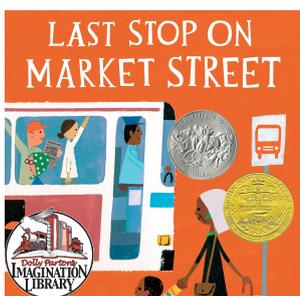
Reading tip!

Point to the words as you read them. The text in this book is scattered across the page, connected to specific illustrations. Reading in this way will help your child make connections between the illustrations and text, as well as spoken and written words.

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



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