



Share a book everyday to create a reader for a lifetime!



Title: Butterfly Boy

Author: Virginia Kroll

Illustrator: Gerardo Suzán

Book Summary: Emilio and his grandfather, Abuelo, love to watch the red admiral butterflies. They wait patiently for them to return the next spring. But will the butterflies stay at their home?

Before Reading, *use the following conversation starters to engage your child's interest in the book.*

To develop book awareness, explain what the words "author" and "illustrator" mean. Ask your child if s/he were to write or illustrate a book, what would it be about?

To create interest in the book, ask your child to look at the cover picture. Talk with your child about the vivid colors and bold folk-art style. The illustrations throughout the book develops the relationship between Emilio and Abuelo and allows us to see Abuelo's imagination.

During Reading, *use the following ideas to keep your child actively engaged in the book sharing.*

To develop verbal language skills, ask your child to describe the relationship between Emilio and Abuelo. What do they like to do together? What does your child enjoy doing with his/her family?

To develop social-emotional skills, discuss with your child how the boy's life is different from his/hers. But also discuss the similarities between the boy and your child. Children come from all different families and cultures. Talking about these differences and similarities helps develop respect for others.

After Reading, *use the following activities to extend your book sharing experience.*

To encourage verbal skills, ask your child to continue the story. What would happen if other neighbors use white paint to attract even more butterflies for Emilio and Abuelo? Ask your child to draw a picture of the new butterflies.

To promote creative play, encourage your child to dramatize the story. Provide paper for your child to create butterflies to use in the story-telling. Ask your child to re-tell Butterfly Boy using a voice for Emilio and one for Abuelo.

To foster outdoor play, take a nature walk with your child and look for butterflies or bugs. Does s/he hear any birds? Are there any animals s/he can watch. Collect leaves and flowers to decorate your home's windows.

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