



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



Title: Whoever You Are

Author: Mem Fox

Illustrator: Leslie Staub

Book Summary: A magical trip around the world shows children from many different lands with different homes and different lives. But the children also learn that wherever you are, people's joys and smiles are the same.

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

To create interest in the book, ask your child to look at the picture. Encourage your child to describe each child and the adult. How are they similar? How are they different?

To develop book awareness, talk with your child about the words "title," "author," and "illustrator." Ask your child if s/he would like to write the words or draw the pictures for a book. What would be the title of the book?

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

To make learning relevant, encourage your child to talk about where s/he learns or lives. Are those places like the places in the book? Explain that no matter how many differences we have, we all have things that are the same too.

To develop print awareness, run your finger under the words as you read. Point out letters that are familiar to your child or are in his/her name.

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

To stimulate creativity, encourage your child to create his/her own language. S/he can sing in that language or write a letter to someone. Practice a new language with your child. Would s/he like to learn Spanish, French, or American Sign Language?

To develop curiosity about other cultures, use resources such as books or the Internet to show your child places around the world. Discuss how they dress and what they eat. Talk about the houses that they live in and the clothes they wear. Celebrate the cultures you learn about with a family meal or story from that country.

To promote physical activity, play different kinds of music from around the world. Spend time learning dances or creating your own. Set aside time for your child and family/friends to perform their favorite dance!

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