

Reader Guide for Title: Surf Soup Red Egg and Ginger Party
Subtitle: Celebrating Asian Heritage and Traditions

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Objective: This reader guide aims to help children understand and embrace cultural traditions, using themes from the book Surf Soup: Red Egg and Ginger Party while incorporating S.T.E.A.M. (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Mathematics) and Social Emotional Learning (SEL) concepts.

Discussion Questions

Cultural Traditions:

What do you think is the significance of the Red Egg Party?
How do traditions vary from one culture to another? Can you think of a family tradition you celebrate?

Friendship and Family:

How do Little Donna and her friends show kindness and support during the Red Egg Party?
Why is it important to have friends and family to celebrate special occasions with?

Embracing Differences:

In what ways does the book teach us about accepting and celebrating differences in cultures?
Can you share a time when you learned something new about a different culture or tradition?

S.T.E.A.M. Activities

Art (A):

Create your own colorful decorations for a Red Egg Party using red paper, scissors, and other craft materials. Discuss the meaning of the color red in various cultures.

Science (S):

Explore the life cycle of a chicken and how eggs are formed. Discuss how eggs symbolize new life in different cultures.

Math (M):

Count how many red eggs are needed for a party with your friends. Create a simple addition or subtraction problem related to your guest list and the number of eggs.

Engineering (E):

Design a fun game or activity for a party. Think about how you can create stations that incorporate cultural traditions and activities from different countries.

Technology (T):

Research various cultural celebrations around the world. Create a digital poster or presentation to share with your classmates about what you learned.

Social Emotional Learning Activities

Emotional Reflection:

Discuss how Little Donna felt during the preparations for the Red Egg Party. How did her emotions change throughout the story? Have students share their feelings during family celebrations.

Empathy Building:

Role-play a scenario where a new friend joins the group, similar to Panda-Roo joining the party. How can you make someone feel welcome and included?

Gratitude Practice:

Encourage students to think about their families and traditions. Have them create a gratitude jar where they can write down what they appreciate about their culture and family traditions.

Extension Activities

Cultural Exploration:

Research and present on another cultural celebration. How do the traditions compare to the Red Egg Party?

Community Connection:

Organize a multicultural potluck where students can bring dishes from their cultural heritage to share. Discuss the significance of each dish.

Story time Circle:

Invite family members or community members to share their cultural stories or traditions. Discuss what they learned and how it connects to the themes of Surf Soup: Red Egg and Ginger Party.

This reader guide encourages children to explore cultural traditions and celebrate diversity while integrating important academic and social emotional skills.