

Reader Guide



Surf Soup Buttons: An Immigrant's Asian American Dream

By Donna Kay Lau

Fun Activity: Button Art Storyboards

Materials Needed: Buttons, glue, cardboard, markers

Let children glue buttons on a board to make a scene from the book (e.g., laundry, teddy bear, bowl).

Use markers to add characters or settings around the buttons.

Each child shares their button scene and explains what's happening.

Reading Guide:

Before reading: Have you ever visited a laundromat? What do you imagine?

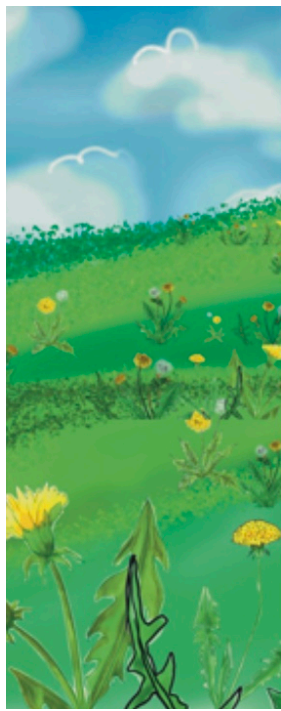
During reading: Listen for how Donna finds creativity in everyday things.

After reading discussion:

How do small things (like buttons) spark big ideas?

What is special about Donna's family and their work?

What are your creative superpowers?



Extension: Write a story inspired by an object you use every day.

