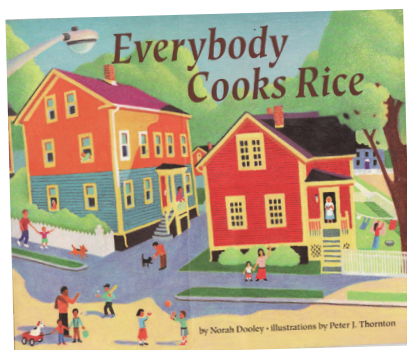


KIDS BOOK CLUB

READING TIPS AND ACTIVITIES

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Children first.™

Reading with children can improve their language, literacy, and social-emotional skills, increasing their knowledge of the world around them. With the right book choices, reading can introduce children to healthy eating habits too!

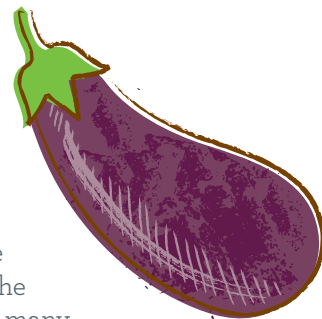


EVERYBODY COOKS RICE

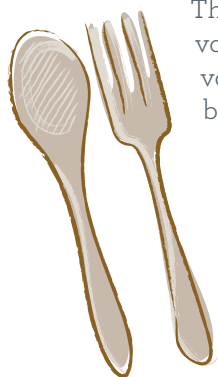
by Norah Dooley

What It's All About

Carrie is sent out to find her younger brother, Anthony, for dinner. As she searches for her brother throughout the neighborhood she tastes a sample of everyone's dinner. She is introduced to a variety of cultures and learns about the many different ways rice is prepared as part of her neighbor's meals.



Discover a World of Words



Throughout the story introduce new vocabulary words using gestures, tone of voice, pointing to illustrations, or providing brief explanations. Examples include:

- *Moocher*: a person who begs for something
- *Chopsticks*: long tools for eating
- *Chives*: a plant in the onion family

Dig into the Story

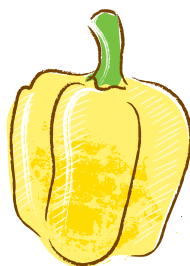
Develop children's comprehension of the story by discussing higher-level information (e.g., link characters' feelings to their actions and/or events in the story, predict what might happen, summarize chunks of text). Use prompts throughout the story, such as:

- *How do different families help each other prepare food? What are some of the things you notice?*
- *Why is Carrie too full to eat the risi e bisi her mother cooked?*

Make Connections Beyond the Book

After reading the story, make connections to an aspect of the child's real life by:

- Discussing ways in which your family prepares rice
- Discussing new foods you have tried together or want to try together
- Making one of the recipes in the back of the book together



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