



Thinksheet

Rising 2nd Grade

Eyes that Kiss in the Corners By Joanna Ho

Caregiver Connections Discussion Guide:

Before Reading with your Student:

- **Ask:** “Each one of us is unique, or one of a kind. What are some things that make you unique?”
- **Show:** Examine the illustrations on the copyright and dedication page. Look for similar images throughout the book.
- **Connect:** This story is about noticing and celebrating the beauty of family traits. Listen and look for ways that the main character celebrates who she is.

During Reading with your Student:

- **Ask:** Pause on the page that begins with, “When mama tucks me in at night...” “How do you think the girl feels in her Mama’s arms? All families look and live differently, but family love is strong. What are ways families show love?”
- **Show:** Examine the illustrations on the page that show the girl listening to her Amah’s stories. What images do you see that might be special to her Chinese culture?
- **Connect:** Family stories and history are part of what makes each person unique. **Think about a time that was special to you and your family. Have your student describe that event and how it made them feel.**

After Reading with your Student:

- **Ask:** “What words does the girl use to describe her eyes? How would you describe her and her personality?”
- **Show:** Look back for pictures of flowers throughout the story. Have your student describe how the flowers are different or the same. Can your student describe how people are like the flowers?
- **Connect:** The girl talked about how special she felt when she was with her family, telling stories and playing games. **Have your student describe who in their life makes them feel special and how they make them feel that way.**

Extension at Home: Do an act of kindness for a friend or family member to show love.



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What Makes You Unique?

Each one of us is unique, or one of a kind. What are some things that make you unique and different from your friends? In the space below, **draw a self-portrait**. Add color and special details. Think about the color of your hair, eyes, and skin as you draw. But also, **think about things to include in your self portrait that are important to who you are- your name, things you enjoy, things you have achieved or do well, and people you love.**

_____ ' Self Portrait

A large, empty rectangular box with a black border, intended for the student to draw their self-portrait.

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