Storytime Ideas



Book Title: The Bossy Gallito/ El Gallo de Bodas

About the Book: The retelling of a traditional Cuban folktale, presented in both Spanish and English, follows the adventures of a pushy rooster who learns a lesson about being conceited. The bossy rooster runs into trouble while going to a wedding. Along the way, he tries to get help but is constantly refused. Let's find out why!

Storytime Activities:

Dress Up Fun! Dress up in fancy clothes for a party. Make a big fuss over staying clean until then.

What's in the Mystery Bag? Use your mystery bag to pull out corn, grass, a stick, orange and yellow construction paper cut into flames, a water bottle, and yellow cut out of the sun. Use later for a sequencing activity.

Whiteboard **Activities:**

Write vocabulary words in Spanish and English

Actions & **Transitions:**

Before Reading:

- o Tell children: This is a folktale from Cuba. Folktales used to be shared by word of mouth and some stories are told in different parts of the world maybe with a few differences. Folktales were used to explain unknown events, provide warnings, or teach lessons.
- o Look at the title of the book and the cover. Ask: *Do you know* the name of the bird on the cover? Read the title. Say in Spanish/English.
- o Take a picture walk through the book. Ask: What do you notice in the illustrations?

During Reading:

- o As you read, pause when you get to a vocabulary word. Say it in English and in Spanish. Ask children to help you figure out the meaning of the new words from the pictures.
- o Check for understanding. Ask: If you could talk to the rooster, what would you say? If you could talk to the (Name a character) what would you say?



• After Reading:

- Ask how showing manners would have made a difference in the story.
- o Take a picture walk again pointing out vocabulary words.
- Use items in mystery bag as a sequencing activity to retell the story.

Vocabulary:

- ✓ Gallito ✓Tio ✓Perico ✓Chivo
- * The Bossy Gallito features a glossary at the end of the book. Have fun substituting Spanish words for English as you retell or review the story.

