



Importance of Community

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All books are available at local libraries. Click on each book cover for read-aloud links!



Dear Street

Lindsday Zier Vogel



Stone Soup

Brian Donovan



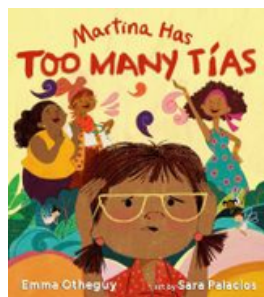
Space for Everyone

Seina Wedlick



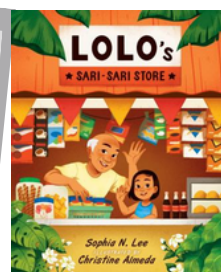
Our Pool

Lucy Ruth Cummins



Martina Has Too Many Tias

Emma Otheguy



Lolo's sari-sari store

Sophia N. Lee

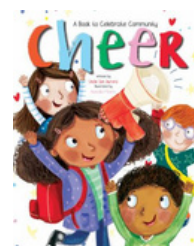
Reading Tip: Make Connections

Ask your child how the story connects to something they have experienced. Making personal connections helps children understand the story and makes reading more meaningful.



A Small Kindness

Stacy McAnulty



Cheer

Ian Aurora

Building Community Through Gardening

Getting kids involved in a community garden is a fun and hands-on way to teach responsibility, teamwork, and care for nature while also connecting with neighbors!

- **Find or Start a Garden:** Locate a local community garden, or work with neighbors to start a small one using a shared space!
- **Assign Kid-Friendly Tasks:** Involve children with age-appropriate roles like planting seeds, watering, weeding, or decorating plant markers.
- **Create a "Garden Detective" Challenge:** Give kids a fun scavenger hunt to complete while gardening like spotting worms, bees, or different plant types.
- **Build a Compost Corner:** Teach kids what can go into compost and let them help add scraps and turn the pile, learning about recycling and soil health.
- **Celebrate Your Community Garden:** End the month with a mini harvest day, garden picnic, or plant exchange to share what you've grown and learned as a group.

[Inspired by Home As We Make It "Community Garden Tasks Kids Can Try"](#)

