

Global Book Bag

Title: Maddi's Fridge

Author: Lois Brandt

Grade Levels: 2nd

Global Competence:



Summary:

With humor and warmth, this children's picture book raises awareness about poverty and hunger. Best friends Sofia and Maddi live in the same neighborhood, go to the same school, and play in the same park, but while Sofia's fridge at home is full of nutritious food, the fridge at Maddi's house is empty. Sofia learns that Maddi's family doesn't have enough money to fill their fridge and promises Maddi she'll keep this discovery a secret. But because Sofia wants to help her friend, she's faced with a difficult decision: to keep her promise or tell her parents about Maddi's empty fridge. Filled with colorful artwork, this storybook addresses issues of poverty with honesty and sensitivity while instilling important lessons in friendship, empathy, trust, and helping others. A call to action section, with six effective ways for children to help fight hunger and information on antihunger groups, is also included.

Book Bag Overview:

- Students will create a poster to bring awareness to childhood hunger.

Bag Contents:

- Maddi's Fridge (hardback cover)
- White Paper
- Colored Pencils
- Pencil



Directions:

1. Read the story with your child aloud. Be sure to stop along the way, and clarify sections that may cause puzzling looks.
2. Together with your student you will create a poster to bring awareness to childhood hunger.
 - a. Your poster can be designed however you see fit! Feel free to be as creative or direct as possible.
 - b. *If you have access to the internet:* Locate the number/ address to our local food pantry & include that on your poster.
3. When the entire activity is complete, place all items back in the book bag and have your student place it in their school backpack.
 - a. All posters returned will either be hung in the classroom, or placed around the school to help bring awareness to childhood hunger.