

Global Book Bag



Title: Alma and How She Got Her Name

Author: Juana Martinez-Neal

Grade Levels: TK/K/1

Global Competence: Recognize the value of each person in a global community

Book Summary: Alma, whose full name is Alma Sofia Esperanza Jose Pura Candela, thinks she has too many names and so she asks her dad about them. He explains the various people she was named to honor.

How to Read With Your Student:

Step 1: Picture Walk. Flip through the book one page at a time, without reading the words, just looking at the pictures. This step can be done together or by the student independently.

Step 2: First Read. Now, go back through the book and read the words that are written on each page. During this step, please model good reading skills (flipping pages gently, tracking the words with your finger as you read, etc.) If your student is able to read any of the words independently, please allow and encourage them to do so. If there is not an adult who can read the words to your student, a read aloud of the book can be found by searching the title on Youtube.

Step 3: Discuss. Flip back through the book one more time and ask your student questions while you re-read. Some question examples are: What do you notice? How does this make you feel? Have you ever experienced this? Would you be interested in trying this (food, clothing, game, etc.)?

Bag Contents:

- book, Alma and How She Got Her Name
- composition book (journal)
- name binder and blank pages for you to take pictures or draw pictures to represent your name
- art supplies

Directions:

1. Read the book - following the “How to Read With Your Student” steps from above

2. Discuss - Prompt your student with the following sentence starters:

- “I think...”
- “I wonder...”
- “I notice...”
- “This reminds me of...”

3. Add an entry to the book journal please and answer the following questions.

- *What is your entire name? First, middle, and last name?*
- *How did you get your name? Who decided what your name should be?*
(alternative: *Who has the same name as you?* Think of people from history, people you know, people from stories, movies, or the news.)
- *Does your name have special meaning to you, your family, or others?*
- *Do you have any nicknames?*

4. Add a portrait of your name to the name binder. Alma gets to know the relatives that her Dad describes through his words and through photographs. Your task is to create self portraits or portraits of a special person in your life that represents your name. You can use digital pictures or use your creativity and draw them yourself.

Extended learning:

Please watch the following video it is a short Interview with Juana Martinez-Neal, creator of Alma and How She Got Her Name

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