



Read Aloud Guide

Title: *Quinito, Day and Night / Quinito, Dia y Noche* by Ina Cumpiano, illustrated by Jose Ramirez

Best for: TK - 1st grade

Summary: This book is about Quinito, a young boy, who takes us through his very busy day. The book introduces opposites (day/night, rain/shine, quiet/noisy, etc).

Why we chose this book: We like that this book is about very common and simple childhood experiences: playing at the park, having siblings and family members, and even having to be quiet at home during nap time. It is written in both English and Spanish, so the reader can choose either language, or switch back and forth.

Notes: This book is meant for younger readers as it teaches opposites and tells a very simple story.

Central themes: Family life, opposites, early childhood experiences

Introducing the book: You can begin by showing the cover, reading the title and author, and then saying something like this:

"This book is about a boy named Quinito who lives with his parents, brother, and sister. Does anyone here have a brother AND a sister?"

"This book talks about opposites, like up and down, day and night, fast and slow. Can anyone name another set of opposites?"

After Reading: Debrief with students

"What are some of the things Quinito does with his brother and sister?"

"What pets does Quinito have? Do you have any pets at home?"

"Quinito likes to play outside at the park when it's nice out. What do you like to do at the park?"