



School-Home Connection

Your child has just read a story called “Fall Secrets” by Candy Dawson Boyd. The story begins when four classmates find out that they did not get the major parts they had auditioned for at their Performing Arts Middle School. Greatly disappointed, the girls glumly head off to a community senior citizens center to fulfill a school project. The enthusiastic response of the audience reminds them that they are truly talented performers who can bring joy to others. The following activities will build on the story’s theme of Making a Difference and develop your child’s language skills.

It Is Better to Give...

The story teaches readers that volunteering time and talents to others can be very rewarding. Engage your child in a discussion about who benefits the most – is it the person on the receiving end or the person on the giving end?

Vocabulary

Vocabulary Stretchers

The vocabulary words for the story are

lilting	melodious
presentation	persevered
legacy	flawless

Take turns with your child writing sentences that use the words, leaving only a write-on line where the vocabulary word belongs. Read each other’s sentences and write a word on each line.



TIME TO READ

Encourage your child to read for at least 30 minutes outside of class each day.

Unlock the Past

With your child, discuss your favorite performing artists. Visit a library with your child, and see if you can locate books or articles about these people. After you read about them together, discuss what traits these performers had in common.

