



School-Home Connection

Your child is reading “My Name Is San Ho” by Jayne Pettit. This realistic fiction story describes the life of San Ho, a young Vietnamese boy who goes to live in America after his mother remarries. At first, San Ho cannot communicate with his classmates and feels left out, but one day, after he wins a relay race for his team, he discovers that he has his own way of breaking down the barrier between them. San Ho’s mathematical talents also give him the reputation of being a math whiz, and soon he is making friends, learning English, and growing more confident and comfortable in the new country that has become his home.

Personal Strengths

Discuss with your child what she or he believes are her or his strengths and how these abilities could be used to contribute to the world. Encourage your child to interview other family members about their strengths.

Vocabulary

Puzzle Words

Your child has learned the following vocabulary words while reading “My Name Is San Ho”:

gestured	tentative
muster	appreciatively
significance	mystified

Change the order of the letters in each word as you write the word on a sheet of paper. Then challenge your child to spell the word correctly and give a short definition of the word that also tells something interesting about the story.

Families Move Here and There

Your child can interview a family member about a move they made to a new or distant place. Help your child to plan questions such as these: “How did it feel to leave your home?” “What did you take with you?” “What did you leave behind?” “Was it hard to make new friends?” Then help your child record the answers. You may wish to tape record or videotape the interview and save it as part of your family album.



TIME TO READ

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

