



# School-Home Connection

Your child is currently reading “Number the Stars” by Lois Lowry. The story takes place in Copenhagen, Denmark, in 1943. Annemarie Johnansen and her family are called upon to help their friend and neighbor, Ellen Rosen, whose family is in danger of arrest by Nazi soldiers. The Johnansens demonstrate courage and loyalty as they convince German soldiers that Ellen is one of their children. You might want to discuss the selection with your child and work on one or more of the activities below. The activities will provide opportunities to develop and explore your child’s language skills.

## Character Description

Ask your child to choose a character from the selection and write a descriptive paragraph about him or her. You might want to prompt your child with questions such as, *What do you think this character looks like? What does this character like to do? What happens to him or her in the story? Why do you like this character?*

## Vocabulary

### Word Game

Your child has learned the following vocabulary words while reading “Number the Stars”:

exasperated  
disdainfully  
occupation

soothingly  
belligerently  
unwavering

Ask your child to pronounce each word. Then play this vocabulary game: One person says a sentence from which one of the vocabulary words is left out. The other person completes the sentence with the correct vocabulary word.



### TIME TO READ

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

## Share Family Stories

The Johansens help their neighbors, the Rosens. You might share with your child times when family members have helped others in the family or in the community. The situation might have been helping during a disaster or having a relative stay in your home for a time. Talk with your child about why people help others and what hardships may be endured.

