



School-Home Connection

Your child is reading “One Grain of Rice” by Demi. In this mathematical folktale set in India a long time ago, a village girl named Rani tricks a selfish raja into giving back all of the rice he has taken from the people. You and your child may enjoy sharing the story and these activities. As you do so, you will be helping your child develop language skills.

And the Lesson Is...

“One Grain of Rice” teaches a lesson about fairness. It also proves the power of cleverness over might. With your child, locate a book of fables at your local library. (You might look for a book of Aesop’s fables.) Read several of the fables together. Discuss the lesson each one teaches.

VOCABULARY

What’s the Meaning?

The following words are new vocabulary your child has learned while reading “One Grain of Rice”:

decreed
famine
plentifully

implored
trickle

To reinforce word meanings, ask your child to choose one word a day and use it in a sentence.



TIME TO READ

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

Taste Treat from India

You and your child might enjoy making this yogurt dish from India.

Raita with Bananas

3 bananas, peeled and sliced
16 ounces plain yogurt
1 teaspoon lemon juice
1 teaspoon coriander
1 teaspoon fresh cilantro, chopped
1 mild green chili pepper, minced
teaspoon cinnamon
pinch of salt

Beat the yogurt with a wire whisk until it is smooth. Add the remaining ingredients (except for the cilantro) and then stir again. Cover and chill for one hour. Serve the raita with chopped cilantro on top.

