



School-Home Connection

Your child is reading a story called “The Marble Champ,” by Gary Soto. The main character in the story is Lupe, a girl who has won many awards for her academic talents, but has no athletic skills or trophies. She decides to change that by learning to play a sport she thinks she can be good at – marbles. After days of practice, she enters and wins a marbles contest and proudly displays her sports trophy.

Read with Expression

Have your child find a favorite part of the story and read it aloud. Remind your child to use his or her voice to express the feelings of the characters. You might also want to do a partner reading in which you and your child take turns reading a section of the story.

VOCABULARY

Help your child review these vocabulary words from the story.

fumed

exhaustion

flexed

rummaged

reluctantly

instinct

Play a word association game. Say one of the words, and ask your child to tell you words he or she relates to it. For example, responses for *rummaged* might be *messy*, *wild*, *searched*, and *looked for*.



TIME TO READ

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

Rules of the Game

Ask your child to describe a game that he or she likes to play. Then ask your child to write a list of the rules for that game. Read the rules aloud, and have your child make corrections or additions to the list.

