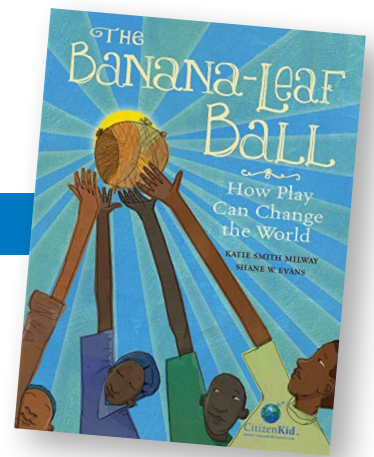


# The Banana-Leaf Ball

## How Play Can Change the World

### RIF EXTENSION ACTIVITIES FOR EDUCATORS

INTERDISCIPLINARY THEMES: ART, SCIENCE, SEL, SOCIAL STUDIES, TECHNOLOGY



#### SOCIAL STUDIES

##### CATEGORIES GAME

Challenge your students to play a ball game that includes main ideas from *The Banana-Leaf Ball*. Start with the letter A, have the student with the ball say a word that relates to the book (e.g., Africa), then throw the ball to another student. That student then says a word that starts with the letter B and relates to the book (e.g., banana!) Continue until the whole alphabet has been used and every student has gotten a turn. (Provide extra support for those who need it and for letters such as Q and X.)



#### SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY

##### BANANA LEAVES

Banana leaves can make more than just good soccer balls. Visit <https://www.worldwildlife.org/stories/why-banana-leaves-are-my-hope-for-a-sustainable-future> to give students an idea of what can be done with banana leaves. Invite them to find other uses for banana leaves.



#### ART

##### BOOK COVERS

Review the cover of *The Banana-Leaf Ball*. Have students create cover art, including titles, for their own books. Their covers should indicate what activity they love to do, something that gives them energy and joy.



#### SEL

##### CAPTAINS

What makes a good captain and how do captains handle people they don't get along with? What did Deo do as captain that helped his team? Give your students a chance to practice leadership by assigning captains for particular activities. Explain to the whole class that captains are different from coaches: they lead, often by example, and help their team work together rather than teach or direct. Give everyone who would like to be captain a chance.



#### SEL

##### BRIDGES TO FRIENDSHIP

Deo and Remy became friends by working together to achieve something, in this case a victory. Pair students randomly and have them solve a puzzle – a jigsaw puzzle, a crossword puzzle, or a word problem. After the solving, have a class discussion about how it felt to work together towards a fun goal.

