

# Thank You, Omu!

## A RIF GUIDE FOR FAMILIES

**Themes:** Community, Culture, Sharing

**Grade Level:** Kindergarten to 3rd grade

**Book Brief:** Everyone in the neighborhood dreams of a taste of Omu's delicious stew! One by one, they follow their noses toward the scrumptious scent. Soon the pot is empty.

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## TIME TO READ!



**Before reading, build background:** Talk with your child about their favorite meal. Can they imagine the way the meal smells and the excitement they have when it's being made?

**While reading, make connections:** Do some of the people who come to Omu's door remind you of people from your own community? Talk about the people who might follow a delicious smell to your door to see about having a taste?

**After reading, ask questions:**

- What made people from the neighborhood knock on Omu's door?
- How did Omu react when people came to her door?
- When did Omu realize she'd run out of the red stew and didn't have any for herself?
- Why was Omu's dinner that night one of the best she'd ever had?

## RELATED ACTIVITIES

### GUESS THE SCOOPS

Materials: Bowl, ladle/spoon/scoop, water/dried beans/rice/etc.

Prepare a challenge that uses estimation skills to guess the number of scoops in a bowl. With as many participants as you like, allow time for everyone to consider the amount in the bowl, estimate the number of "servings" that are there, and write down their guess. Encourage each participant to talk about their process (how did they make their estimate). Then, scoop and count until the bowl is empty. Award non-material prizes, such as choose your seat or enjoy the first serving.



### MENU WRITING

Materials: Paper, writing utensil

Select a meal to highlight in your home. Talk about the dishes you'll be serving for the meal and have your child write a menu for the table. Include names and descriptions of the dishes. Encourage your child to use the five senses in their descriptions.

MENU  
Vegetable Soup  
Tomatos  
Garlic  
celery  
pasta  
cheese



## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES



### OTHER BOOKS ABOUT COMMUNITY

- **The Cazuela That the Farm Maiden Stirred (2011)**
- **Extra Yarn (2012)**
- **Mama Panya's Pancakes (2005)**