

Gustavo The Shy Ghost

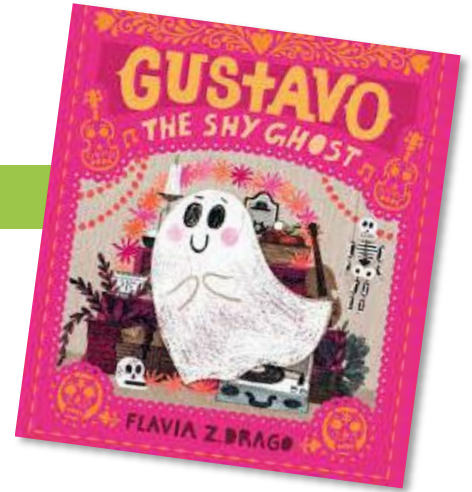
READ ALOUD GUIDE

Themes: Halloween, Day of the Dead

Book Brief: Gustavo the ghost excels at haunting activities and playing beautiful music on his violin, but his shyness makes it difficult for him to connect with other monsters. As the Day of the Dead approaches, he seeks a way to be seen and share his passion with them.

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BEFORE READING

The Cover: Have students make predictions about the story based on the cover.

The Pictures: Take a brief picture walk and ask students what they notice about Gustavo.

Prior Knowledge: Ask students, "Think about a time when you felt shy. What did you do?" (Optional: Think, Pair, Share)

Vocabulary: Frontload Tier 2 words using the accompanying [Vocabulary Guide](#).

Purpose for Reading: "As we read today, think about how being shy might affect Gustavo."

DURING READING

Check for understanding & make connections:

- How did Gustavo try to make friends? Did it work?
- What were the motives behind Gustavo's letter?
- How did music change Gustavo?

AFTER READING

Our Purpose: Gustavo had a hard time making friends when he was shy. How did he change from the beginning of the story to the end?

Extending Our Thinking: Gustavo started to glow when he made music. Using [RIF's Wellness Comic Strip](#), have students tell a story about a time they felt shy and how they overcame it like Gustavo!

If your students enjoyed this book...

- Encourage them to continue to discuss it and refer to it in other lessons and conversations.
- Let them explore more about the topic by reading other books with similar themes, structure, characters, or content.