

Amazing Faces



A RIF GUIDE FOR PARENTS AND FAMILIES

Themes: Poetry, Feelings, Celebrations, Social Situations, Family

Grade Level: 2nd to 5th grade

Book Brief: A collection of poetry celebrating our diverse world.

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TIME TO READ!

Before reading, make

predictions: Guess what each poem is about by looking just at the picture.

(This book is best read over

several sittings. Let your child pick out which poems to read based on interest.)

While reading, pay attention to style: Poems can be long or short, rhyming or not rhyming. Which kind of poem surprises you the most?

After reading, ask questions:

- ◆ Which poem did you identify with the most?
- ◆ How did the poems make you feel?
- ◆ Which poem was your favorite? Your least favorite?
- ◆ Why do you think the author picked the title *Amazing Faces*?

RELATED ACTIVITIES

OUT AND ABOUT

“People watch” the next time you’re out. What stories do you think their faces tell? When you get home, help your child create a poem about one of the people they saw.

FUN FACE PANCAKES

Ingredients: pancake mix, chocolate chips, blueberries, strawberries, bananas, whipped cream

Make pancakes as usual. Use chocolate chips, berries, bananas and whipped cream to come up with your own creative face.



FACE COLLAGE

Materials:
magazines, scissors,
glue, construction
paper

1. Cut out different parts of faces from magazine pictures.
2. Glue parts together onto paper to create a unique face.
3. What do you see in the face you have created?
4. Write a poem about the face to go with your collage.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

OTHER POETRY BOOKS BY THIS AUTHOR

Days to Celebrate: A Full Year of Poetry, People, Holidays, History, Fascinating Facts, and More (2004), *Marvelous Math: A Book of Poems* (2001), *Hand in Hand: An American History Through Poetry* (1994).



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