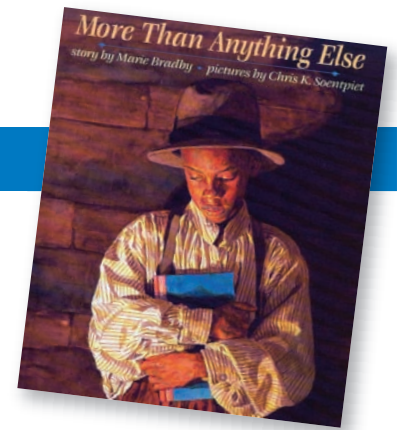


More Than Anything Else



A RIF GUIDE FOR COMMUNITY COORDINATORS

Themes: Hard Work, Goal Setting, African American History

Grade Level: 3rd to 5th grade

Book Brief: The story of a young boy and his dream to read.

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TIME TO READ!

Before reading: This story is about a boy who wants to learn to read. He does not give up on this goal. Ask if anyone has ever had something they wanted so badly they would not give up until it happened.

RELATED ACTIVITIES

A BANNER DAY (AGES 5-12)

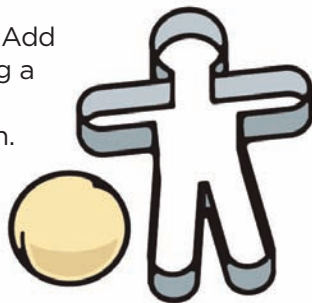
Materials: bulletin board paper, markers, tape

Have children write or draw a goal for themselves and sign their names. Title the banner, "Go for the Goal." Hang it up to remind them of what they want to achieve.

SALT DOUGH (AGES 5-8)

Materials: 1 cup salt, 4 cups flour, 1 1/2 cups warm water, medium bowl

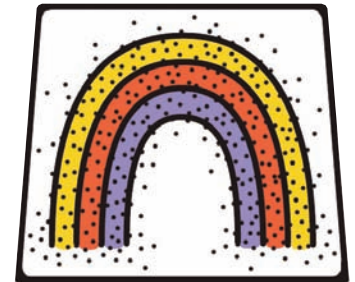
Mix flour and salt together. Add water. Knead dough, adding a little flour if it is too sticky. Roll it out like cookie dough. Use cookie cutters to make fun shapes or letters.



SALT ART (AGES 9-12)

Materials: paper, pencils, glue, paint brush, tray, colored salt*

**Make colored salt the day before. Put salt in a plastic baggie for each color. Add food coloring. Shake until coated. Lay out on newspaper to dry.*



Create a picture using colored salt.

1. Have kids draw a picture in pencil first.
2. Place picture in a tray. Brush on glue mixture (1/2 glue, 1/2 water), following the lines of the drawing.
3. Sprinkle with salt. Shake off extra into tray.
4. Continue to paint and sprinkle until picture is finished.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

OTHER BOOKS BY THIS AUTHOR

Some Friend (2007), *Once Upon a Farm* (2002), *Momma, Where Are You From?* (2000).

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