

I Love Saturdays y domingos

A RIF GUIDE FOR PARENTS AND FAMILIES

Themes: Family, Cultures, Celebrations

Grade Level: K to 2nd grade

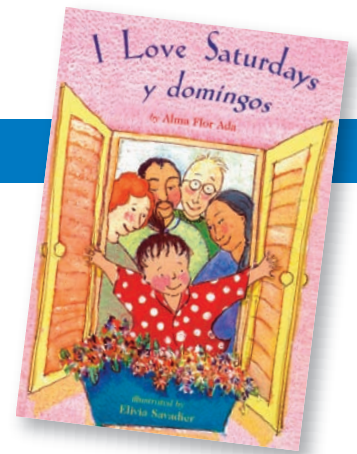
Book Brief: A young girl spends her weekends with both her grandma and grandpa and her *abuelita y abuelito*.

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TIME TO READ!

Before reading, make connections: Talk about a time when your child visited a grandparent or other

relative. What did they do together?

While reading, use clues from the story: How does the author help you figure out what the Spanish words mean? How about the English words?

After reading, ask questions:

- ◆ Why does the little girl like Saturdays *y domingos*?
- ◆ Why is part of the title in Spanish?
- ◆ Which story about the grandparents' childhoods was your favorite?
- ◆ What did the little girl get for her birthday?
- ◆ What do the gifts tell you about her grandparents?

RELATED ACTIVITIES

MAKE A PIÑATA! (AGES 5-12)

Materials: scissors, glue, paper bag, newspaper, tissue paper, string, candy

1. Add balled-up paper and candy to bag until nearly full.
2. Cut tissue paper into strips long enough to go around the bag. Cut slits halfway up each strip so tissue looks fringed.
3. Glue first strip of tissue to bottom of bag. Overlap second strip and glue. Add strips until bag is covered. Glue long strips of tissue to bottom for decoration.
4. Tie string around top of bag to keep it closed. Punch two holes in the top of bag. Tie string through holes. Hang piñata.
5. Blindfold kids and let them take turns hitting the piñata—be careful!

AGUAS FRESCAS

Fresh fruit waters are a favorite drink in Mexico and parts of Latin America.

Ingredients: watermelon (no seeds), ice cubes, a little sugar

Purée peeled fruit in blender. If you wish, add a little sugar to taste. Pour in a jug half filled with ice. Add water. Enjoy!



OUT AND ABOUT

If your grandparents don't live nearby, visit someone in your neighborhood around the same age. Ask them about their family growing up. The stories may surprise you!

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES



OTHER BOOKS BY THIS AUTHOR

My Name Is María Isabel (1996), *Daniel's Pet* (2003), *Pío Peep* (2006), *Extra, Extra* (2007).



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