

Suki's Kimono

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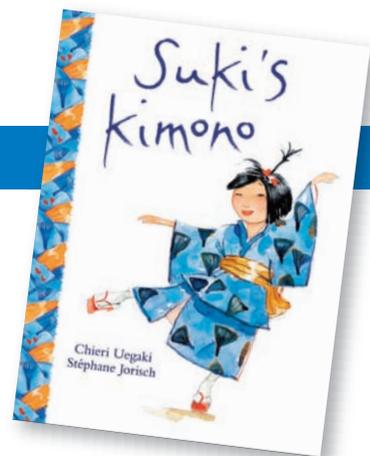
Themes: Self-Confidence, Courage, Global Cultures

Grade Level: K to 2nd grade

Book Brief: A joyful story of a little girl whose spirit leads her to march—and dance—to her own drumbeat.

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Stéphane Jorisch



TIME TO READ!

Before reading: Ask children to think about their favorite outfits or articles of clothing. What makes those clothes special? Why do the kids like to wear them? As you read the story, ask the children if they know what a kimono is. Explain that this book will introduce them to some Japanese words and customs. Show them Japan on a map or globe.

RELATED ACTIVITIES

PAPER FISH (AGES 6-12)

Materials: 2 pieces of paper, tissue paper, stapler, glue, magazines, markers, string

1. Draw a fish on one piece of paper. Place the other piece of paper underneath and cut out to get two fish.
2. Cut tissue paper into streamers.
3. Staple the two fish together. Staple the streamers inside the fish tail so that most of the streamer is outside the fish.
4. Cut out circles from magazines to use for fish scales. Glue circles onto both sides of fish.
5. Use markers to decorate the fish's head, fins and tail.
6. Punch two holes on the fish's head. Thread some string through the holes to hang the fish up.

JAPANESE KOKESHI DOLLS (AGES 6-12)

Materials: small bottles, hot glue gun, ping pong balls, markers, paint

1. Hot glue a ping pong ball to the top of a small plastic bottle. (Only adults should handle hot glue gun.)
2. Paint the bottle and let dry.
3. Use markers to draw the doll's face and hair on the ping pong ball.
4. Use markers to decorate the body to represent a beautiful kimono.



ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

OTHER BOOKS ABOUT JAPANESE CULTURE

Japanese Celebrations: Cherry Blossoms, Lanterns and Stars! by Betty Reynolds (2006),
The Way We Do It in Japan, Geneva Cobb Iijima (2002).

TECHNOLOGY LINK FOR KIDS

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