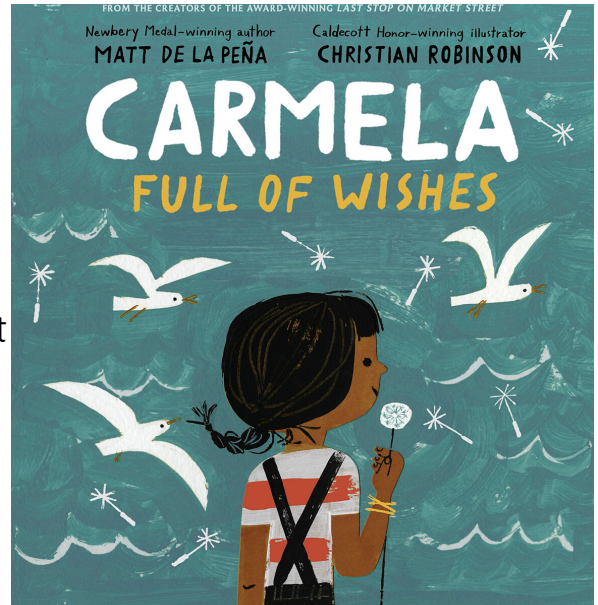




CARMELA FULL OF WISHES

MATT DE LA PEÑA

It's Carmela's birthday and she doesn't know what to wish for! She goes on an adventure with her brother and spends the day trying to think of her wish. Will her wish come true in the end?



Questions:

1. How do you feel when it is your birthday? How does Carmela feel? What is she most excited about- presents or spending time with her family?
2. Have you ever seen people waiting at home improvement stores? What kind of work are they looking for? Is that easy work or hard work?
3. How would you feel if you were excited to spend time with someone and they wished you weren't there?
4. Have you ever made a wish on a dandelion? She's saving her wish. Her birthday wish to spend the day with her brother already came true. What do you think she'll wish for now?
5. Has anyone ever said "everyone knows that" to you about something you didn't know? How did that make you feel? Is it a nice thing to say? What could you say to someone instead? Maybe, "A lot of people know that and now you do too!"
6. What are Carmela and her brother doing on her birthday? Fun birthday things or running errands? Even when something is boring, if we change the way we look at it can we make it fun?
7. We now know where Carmela's dad is! How do you think she feels that he is far away, not at home with them? Is he gone because he wanted to live somewhere else, or does he want to be with them?
8. Carmela loves her jingly bracelets! They are fun for her. Does her brother love them too? What should she do to make it so she can still enjoy them, but he isn't upset?
9. Carmela's brother is upset with her. Does that mean he doesn't love her? When she falls and breaks her dandelion, she is upset. Does he laugh at her or help her? Is he a good brother?
10. How do you think Carmela felt when she saw the field and the sky full of dandelion wishes?
11. What does Carmela do to show her brother how thankful she is that he took her to see the wishes?