Daniel's Good Day
The 2020 CLEL Bell Award Book for TALK

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While out on a walk, Daniel asks each of his neighbors to describe a good day, and hears a different answer from everyone. Rich conversations allow children to build their understanding of the world around them, which in turn will support comprehension skills while reading.

Activity Ideas for *Daniel's Good Day*:

• Daniel and his grandmother have a good day greeting people as they are out and about in their neighborhood together. Take a walk through your neighborhood. Make it special by gathering some leaves or smelling flowers. Use descriptive language to talk about what you see, smell, hear, or touch. When you are back at home or in your classroom, write down a list of your favorite things from your walk. How many different words can you use? The bigger a child's vocabulary, the more words they will be able to recognize when they read, and the more they will be able to understand what they're reading.

• Talk as you read the book together and point out interesting objects, colors, shapes, or textures in the illustrations. Does anything you see in the book remind you of something you can see right now? Or of something you see in your neighborhood? Talking with children about stories and pictures as you read together helps them make connections between books and their own lives. This can help them want to read even more books!

• The illustrations in the book are warm, bright, and colorful, mirroring the friendly interactions that take place in the story. Invite children to make their own colorful images by cutting colored paper into different shapes. Talk about the shapes as they move them around on the page. Learning different shapes will help them recognize different letters.

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