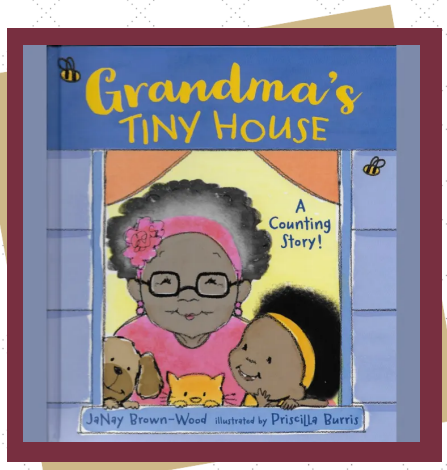

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Grandma's Tiny House by JaNay Brown-Wood

Book Summary

Grandma's Tiny House is a fun counting story that is sure to make your little ones hungry as they count the items on each vibrant page. Grandma loves to invite her family, friends, and neighbors over to her house for dinners and everyone contributes to the big meal. The guests keep coming, but will they all be able to fit inside of the house?

Before Reading the Story

- Discuss what you see on the cover of the book.
- Make predictions on what the story may be about.
- Provide a definition of the word *tiny*. Ask your child to think of something that is tiny, as well as something that is large.
- Let's count to 15, forward and backward, together.
- Flip through the pages of the book and see if your child can find the cat and dog on the pages.

Target Vocabulary

- **scrumptious:** very pleasant to taste
- **galore:** in large numbers or amounts
- **strut:** to walk in a confident and proud way
- **stroll:** to walk slowly in usually a pleasant and relaxed way
- **fumbling:** to handle something in an awkward or clumsy way
- **thrilled:** very excited and happy
- **stampede:** any similar movement or rush of a crowd
- **bulge:** to be completely filled with something
- **dinnerware:** plates, bowls, and glasses used to serve at eat dinner

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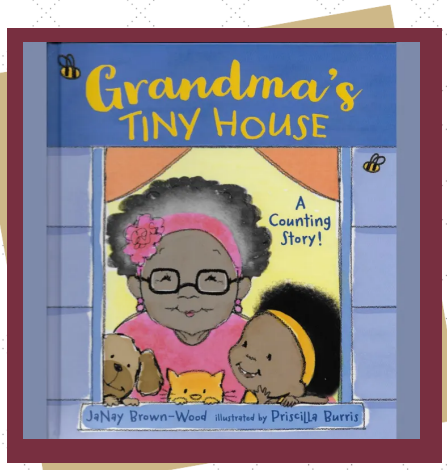

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During the Story

- Read the book aloud with the pictures facing your child.
- Make predictions about the story based on the pictures.
- Provide definitions and connections for any of the target vocabulary words that may be unfamiliar.
- Have your child repeat the words that they do not know.
- Relate the details in the story to events and experiences in your everyday life.
- Ask questions throughout the story to help your child understand what's being read.

After Reading the Story

- Have your child re-read the book in their own words using the illustrations.
- Discuss items around your house or on your next outing that are tiny.
- Counting to 15, try to find items that are around your home that you have that many of (i.e., 1 watermelon, 2 teddy bears, 3 race cars, etc).
- Using materials available (e.g. paper, pencils, markers, crayons), create a picture of your family gathering together. Be sure to include the people that would be at your gathering, the foods, the drinks, the desserts, and where you will gather.

Example Questions to Ask

- "Tiny in size, at the edge of Brown Street, sits Grandma's old house, where we all go to _____."
- Let's look at page 2 and 3 in the book. Do you think all of the people in the photos can fit into Grandma's house?
- Tell me about a time when a lot of people visited your house.
- Describe your favorite food. What does it look like, taste like, and smell like?
- Why is it important for everyone to bring food to Grandma's house?
- How did they solve the problem of too many people being in the tiny house at the same time?