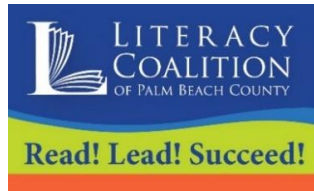


READ and THINK before you ACT.

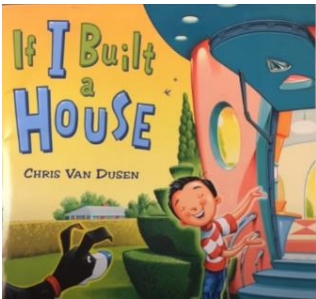


Leading through Reading

No Place Like Home (3-5)

READ

Read: [If I Built a House](#) by Chris Van Dusen



- If you built a house, where would it be?
- What are the parts of a house that make it a good shelter?
- Is there a difference between a house and a home?
- What is your favorite thing about being at home?
- What makes your home comfortable for you?
- Does it need to be fancy or space-aged with robots and such?



THINK

A home is a place where there is love and comfort. What makes the place you live feel like a home? Is it a roof and a door? Is it a ceiling and a floor? What or who would you add to a house for love and comfort?

ACT

I. Use Your Hands to Build a House.



A. [Paper House Craft](#)



B. [Cardboard House Craft](#)

II. Use Your Senses and Your Heart to Make a Home.



- A. List what sounds, smells, tastes, sights and things to touch make you feel comforted. For example, some people like a fluffy blanket to **touch** and others like the **smell** of coffee or the **sound** of birds singing in the morning. Some say the **taste** of chicken noodle soup from a can comforts them. You may have heard others say that if they can **see** their mom or pet their dog, then they could live just about anywhere.
- B. Find one or more of the things or people that were on your list. Keep them close and enjoy the way they sound, smell, taste, look and feel. No matter where you are or how long you must stay there you have the power to make it feel like home!
- C. For extra fun, make a fort with blankets, sheets and pillows and bring your comfort thing or person inside of the fort with you. The fort can feel like a small home of your own!

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