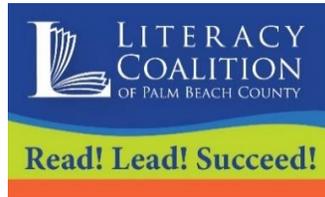


READ and THINK before you ACT.

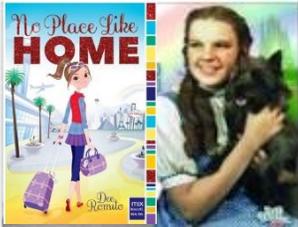


Leading through Reading

No Place Like Home (6-8)

READ

Because we are spending so much time at home, it may be difficult to recall, but people like to go home. Even Dorothy in *The Wizard of Oz* wishes to be home. It is probably time for all



of us to remind ourselves of why there is no place like home. Sadly, some of us are losing our homes, but with a little effort maybe we can make wherever we are a special place. Whether you have been

spending lots of time in a [hotel](#), a large home, inside a small room or in a shelter, it is important to feel a sense of comfort. Comfort makes us feel [there's no place like home](#) (Click to see a fun book).

THINK

What senses do you think help to contribute to your feeling comfortable? What makes you feel at home?

ACT

List what smells, sounds, 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.



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!

The Wizard of Oz

DOROTHY: How can my shoes take me home?

NORTH WITCH: All you have to do is tap your heels together three times, and say to yourself: "There's no place like home... There's no place like home... There's no place like home."

DOROTHY: Oh, but first I have to say goodbye to my friends. Oh, my good friends I will miss you so much!

SCARECROW: I will miss you too. And thanks to you my brain will help me think of you and never forget you.

TIN MAN: And me, I will keep you in my heart.

LION: And I will always have courage to fight in your name.

NORTH WITCH: Are you ready?

DOROTHY: Yes.

NORTH WITCH: Now close your eyes and do as I told you.

DOROTHY: There's no place like home... There's no place like home... There's no place like home.

AT THE FARM

NARRATOR: And Dorothy woke up in her bed.

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