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Story Time at Home

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WHILE You Are Reading with Your Child

- Using this book, help your child work on their Phonemic Awareness skills as they practice blending sounds together.

- As you read, encourage your child to stretch out all the noises that the car makes and emphasize all the different sounds. For example, help your child to stretch out the sound clunk so that you can hear each individual sound: /ccccclllllluuuuunnnkkkk/. Then have your child think of other fun sounds they can stretch out!

AFTER Reading with Your Child

My Treasures
You will need paper, a pencil, and crayons.

1. Show your child, or talk to them, about the page of the book where the boy and his Papa work together on their car. They call it Cara Cara.

2. Talk with your child about how the car belonged to the boy's grandfather and that his Papa tells him that someday Cara Cara will be his, too. This makes the boy feel powerful and proud.

3. Ask your child to think of their most prized possession or toy. Encourage them to draw a picture and write about why the item is so special to them.

Birthday Chart
You will need paper and a pencil.

1. In the story we find out the boy is going to a zero-year party for his cousin who was just born.

2. Create a chart on the paper by drawing a line along the bottom and labeling the 12 months. Then draw a vertical line along the left side of the paper, labeling with the numbers 1-10.

3. Ask your child if they know in which month they had their zero-year birthday. Once they know, encourage them to write an X over the name of that month.

4. Have your child ask different family members when their zero-year birthday was, then add them to the chart. Encourage them to call family members, as well!