

ART IS COMMUNICATION



There's a famous saying that states: "A picture is worth a thousand words." But what if you can't understand the words because you don't speak the language?

In the book, Isabel discovered that art is a universal language, which can bridge gaps that language cannot. While her crayons can't solve every misunderstanding or new school fear, they can help to form a friendship.

Begin your project just as Isabel did, with a blank piece of paper and a box of crayons. While Isabel wanted to communicate the desire for friendship, consider what you may

want to express through your art. Create a portrait, landscape or abstract artwork that may help you to process a misunderstanding or work through some emotion. When you're done, you may share your work with others or keep it to yourself.



August Book of the Month

Isabel and Her Colores Go to School

A new school year can cause a range of emotions. Isabel shares the worries that many students have about fitting in, especially when English is not their first language. Author Alexandra Alessandri has created a wonderfully relatable story, while Courtney Dawson's illustrations highlight how there's more than one way to communicate with friends. As you enjoy these last few weeks of summer break, consider how you can be welcoming to any new faces in your class this year.