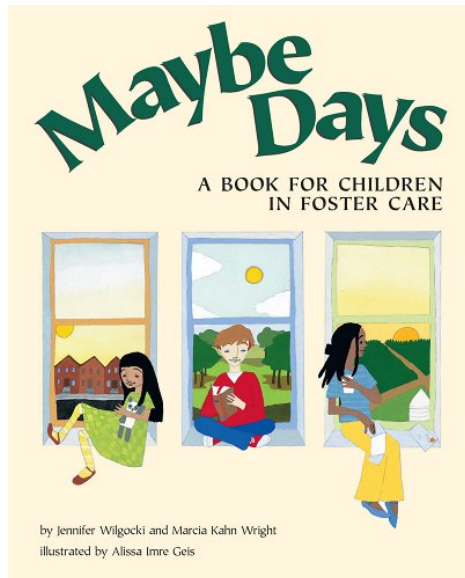


FAMILY SEEDS



As this month's book illustrates, not all families are built the same way. People who are considered family may not always include parents or siblings. Other relatives may play a more important role and even those who started out as friends can be part of your family. Regardless of who you consider to be your family and how they came to fill that role, our project that accompanies the #BookOfTheMonth is to create a family portrait.

Begin by drawing the individuals you wish to include in pencil first. You don't need to worry about including all the details as you can add those in later. Once you have your sketch ready, decide how you want to add color, either with paint, markers or colored pencils. Your project may end here, or if you want to continue creating, consider making your own short book about your family. Introduce those you've decided to illustrate and share how your family came to be.



September Book of the Month

Maybe Days: A Book for Children in Foster Care

Our September #BookoftheMonth was selected to help families, especially children, approach our newest exhibition, "Blue Seeds: Reflections on Foster Care." Authors Jennifer Wilgocki, M.S. and Marcia Kahn Write Ph.D. wrote this story as a resource for those currently engaged in the foster care system. Beautiful drawings by Alissa Imre Geis help to illustrate the questions, feelings, and concerns children in foster care face.