

HOST A BECOMING VANESSA STORYTIME

BEFORE STARTING THE STORY

Becoming Vanessa follows Vanessa as she attends her first day at school. The story is a great way to discuss first day jitters and to help readers see that individuality is something that should be celebrated! A great place to start is to ask your audience if there was ever a time they were nervous about something new, such as the first day of summer camp or in a new town. What did they do to get ready?

AS YOU READ

Vanessa's first day doesn't go exactly as she planned, but after she gives herself some time to feel a little disappointed and have a great pick-me-up conversation with her mom, she's ready to take on a new day and share what makes her feel special with her new class. Ask your listeners how they would show what makes them unique! Is it something they wear? A nickname? It can be anything!

END THE STORYTIME

Whether you are able to host your event in your store or virtually, no storytime is complete without some activities! Either copy the next few pages or send them out digitally so that your audience can play along and extend the story.



COUNT THE BUTTERFLIES AND TRACE YOUR NUMBERS!

Can you help Vanessa count how many butterflies there are?
Practice writing your numbers below!

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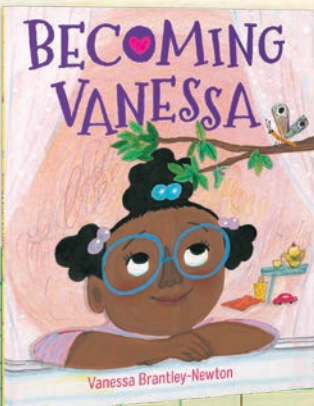
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HELP PUT TOGETHER THE WHOLE PUZZLE!

With the help of an adult, use the dotted lines to cut out the pieces to create a puzzle to do with your little reader, feel free to make it more difficult by cutting smaller pieces for more experienced puzzlers!



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BECOMING UNIQUELY ME

Share what makes you special, just like Vanessa did with her new friends at school

MY NAME IS _____

Some things that make me special are . . .

