Mango, Abuela, and Me, by Meg Medina

Mia’s grandmother leaves her far-away home to live with Mia’s family, but Abuela doesn’t speak much English, and Mia doesn’t speak much Spanish. Can a parrot help them learn to communicate in both languages? This award-winning story speaks loud and clear about learning new things and the love that bonds family members.

Also by Meg Medina:

Celebrate Children and Diversity:

Angel Child, Dragon Child, by Michele Maria Surat

Carmen Learns English, by Judy Cox

Layla’s Head Scarf, by Miriam Cohen

The Name Jar, by Yangsook Choi

Something Beautiful, by Sharon Dennis Wyeth

Thunder Boy Jr., by Sherman Alexie
Idaho public school children, kindergarten through 3rd grade, are given a short reading assessment each year in the fall and spring called the Idaho Reading Indicator (IRI). It allows teachers and parents to monitor and provide support to young children as they learn to read. By March/April, kindergarten children are expected to name most capital and lowercase letters and know the sounds of several consonants and vowels. Your child’s teacher can tell you more about reading expectations and how to support your child at home.

**Write**

Let your child send a drawing and note to a grandparent or relative, telling them how much they love them. It will be a nice surprise!

**Sing**

**My Auntie Monica**  
*(Match body movements to words)*

I have an aunt who dances,  
my Auntie Monica,  
and when we go out dancing  
they all say, “Ooh, la, la!”  
Ooh, la, la, ooh, la, la.

She likes to move her eyes,  
like this, like this, like this.  
She likes to spin and spin around,  
Like this, like this, like this. Oh!

*Repeat with:*

She likes to move her nose.  
She likes to move her head.  
She likes to move her shoulders.  
She likes to move her hands.  
She likes to move her hips.  
She likes to move her feet.  
She likes to move her body.

See a version of this song from the King County Library System:  
[https://kcls.org/content/tia-monica-the-ooo-la-la-dancing-song/](https://kcls.org/content/tia-monica-the-ooo-la-la-dancing-song/)

**Grandma’s Glasses**  
*(Make circles around eyes)*

These are grandma’s glasses.  
*(Make circles around eyes)*

This is grandma’s hat.  
*(Cup hands and place on head)*

And this is the way she folds her hands and puts them in her lap.  
*(Fold hands and put them in your lap)*

*(Say with a deep voice:)*

These are grandpa’s glasses.  
*(Make circles around eyes)*

This is grandpa’s hat.  
*(Pretend to put on a hat)*

And this is the way he folds his arms  
*(Cross arms and fold)*

Just like that!

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