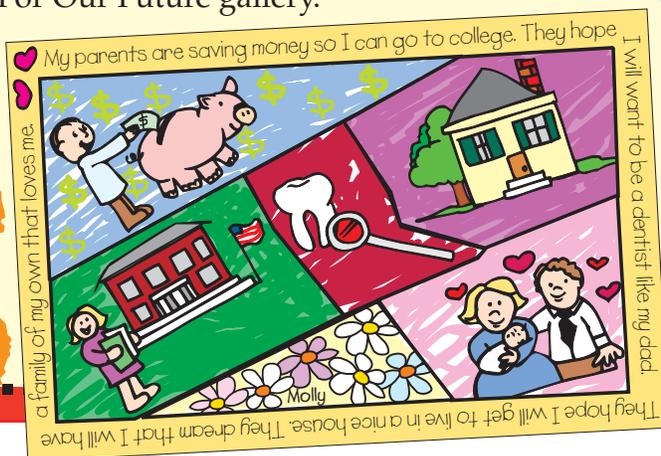


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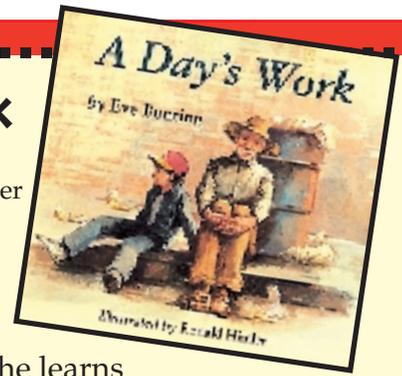
By Eve Bunting
 Illustrated by David Diaz
 HarperCollins Publishers, 1996

While thoughts of Christmas still linger in your youngsters' minds, share this wonderful tale of a family's visit to their home village in Mexico for the holiday. As the story unfolds, three siblings come to understand that their parents have postponed their own happiness to give them opportunities for a better future. As a homework assignment, have each student ask her parents to tell her about their dreams for her future. Have her write these down to use in class. The next day, give each child a sheet of sturdy paper. Using the cover of *Going Home* as a guide, have her draw and color a series of pictures that represent her life and her parents' dreams. Next give her a sheet of paper slightly larger than the first sheet. Have her glue it behind the first sheet to create a frame. On the frame have her write her parents' dreams for her future. Hang all of your students' finished drawings in a Dreams For Our Future gallery.



A DAY'S WORK

By Eve Bunting
 Illustrated by Ronald Himler
 Clarion Books, 1994



When Francisco helps his grandfather find work for the day, he learns an important lesson about honesty. But this is not the only lesson to be learned from *A Day's Work*. Since many Americans have helped immigrants settle into their new homes in this country, this book provides an opportunity for challenging youngsters to think creatively about ways to help others. Define *immigrants*; then divide a sheet of chart paper into three columns. Label one column "sharing," one "teaching," and one "working." Have students brainstorm ways that they could help immigrants settle in their neighborhoods. What might they *share* with an immigrant? Mr. Benjamin gives Francisco's grandfather a hat to keep off the sun. What might they *teach* an immigrant? Mr. Benjamin offers to teach Francisco's grandfather about gardening. What *work* might they do to help an immigrant? Francisco works side by side with his grandfather, since the older man knows no English. Encourage your youngsters to show their American spirit by using one or more of the ways listed on the chart to help newcomers settle into their neighborhoods.



sharing	teaching	working
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> provide food on move-in day give a coat to someone who moved from a warm place to a cold one let a neighbor borrow your lawn mower 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> teach a new student the route to school talk to new kids to help them learn English teach someone to ride a bike tell a new kid what your school is like 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> help with yard work help build a house help unpack boxes

