STORY TIME RESOURCES
GREEN IS A CHILE PEPPER

STORY TIME DESCRIPTION
Do you have a favorite color? How would you describe your favorite color? Let’s follow a little girl on a journey through her community as she explores colors through food and traditions. Green is a Chile Pepper: A Book of Colors by Rosanne Greenfield Thong and John Parra is a celebration of Latino cultural traditions. It teaches colors in both English and Spanish. This book will leave you hungry to go outside and explore all the fun spring colors!

HANDS-ON ACTIVITIES
• Make a Papel Picado: Learn how to create this fun and simple Cinco de Mayo fiesta banner also known as papel picado.
• Make Maracas: Watch this video to learn how to make maracas using recycled materials.
• Spanish Playground: Visit Spanish Playground for a list of traditional games in Spanish that all have a significant language component that makes them great for all language learners.
• Music & Movement: Dance to some multicultural music. Putumayo Kids provides international music that introduce children to other cultures. Check out the Latin Playground a musical fiesta for children of all ages.

OTHER HELPFUL RESOURCES
• Celebrate Cinco de Mayo: Pre-K Pages has shared some ways to celebrate Cinco de Mayo. Visit growing up bilingual to learn ways to teach children about the origins of Cinco de Mayo in a fun and hands-on way.
• Celebrate Day of the Dead: Learn about Day of the Dead called Día de Muertos in Spanish. It’s a Mexican holiday celebrated in the fall. Learn how to make sugar skulls.
• History of the piñata: Read this article that explains the true origins of this fun party tradition.
• Meet the Illustrator: John Parra is the illustrator of Green is a Chile Pepper: A Book of Colors and other bilingual children books. Visit his website www.johnparraart.com to learn about his award winning illustrations.
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