

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 [12 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.

RELATED CHILDREN'S BOOKS

- [*Round is a Tortilla: A Book of Shapes*](#) by Rosanne Greenfield Thong and John Parra
- [*One is a Piñata: A Book of Numbers*](#) by Rosanne Greenfield Thong and John Parra
- [*Danza!: Amalia Hernández and Mexico's Folkloric Ballet*](#) by Duncan Tonatiuh
- [*When Angels Sing*](#) by Michael Mahin and Jose Ramirez
- [*Living in ... Mexico*](#) by Chloe Perkins and Tom Woolley
- [*Zapata: Colors—Colores*](#) by Patty Rodriguez and Ariana Stein
- [*Marco's Cinco de Mayo*](#) by Lisa Bullard and Holly Conger
- [*What Can You Do with a Paleta?*](#) by Carmen Tafolla and Magaly Morales
- [*Viva Frida*](#) by Yuyi Morales and Tim O'Meara
- [*Salsa: A Cooking Poem*](#) by Jorge Argueta and Duncan Tonatiuh
- [*Too Many Tamales*](#) by Gary Soto
- [*Black is a Rainbow Color*](#) by Angela Joy
- [*Color Dance*](#) by Ann Jonas
- [*Mixed: A Colorful Story*](#) by Aree Chung
- [*Festival of Colors*](#) by Surishtha Sehgal and Kabir Sehgal
- [*Colors*](#) by Shelley Rotner
- [*Together: Colors, Mixes, and You!*](#) by Nohra Bernal