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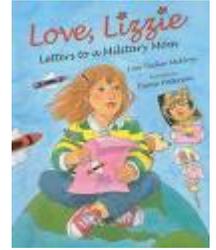


Book: Love, Lizzie: Letters to a Military Mom

Author: Lisa Tucker McElroy

Ages: 4-12

Lesson:



1. Begin by showing the students the cover of the book. Then read the title of the book to the children. Have the students infer what the book might be about based on the cover and title.
2. Ask the students to identify what the girl is holding on the cover. How might that be a clue as to what the story will be about?
3. Ask the students why they believe the girl is pictures sitting on top of the world.
4. Begin reading the story, pausing throughout to ask the following questions:
 - a. What is Lizzie's brother's name?
 - b. What is Lizzie's mother's favorite snack?
 - c. What did they have to get Thomas?
 - d. What does Lizzie think is not fair? Why is that?
 - e. What does Lizzie's mother wear every day?
 - f. Where does Lizzie want her mother to meet her?
 - g. Why do you think Lizzie is sad her mom misses her important days?
 - h. What are both Lizzie and her mom going to wear?
 - i. Why can't Lizzie's mom tell her exactly where she is?
 - j. Which star are both Lizzie and her mother wishing on?
 - k. What did Lizzie's father explain about the size of the sun and distance?
 - l. What did Lizzie receive at school?
 - m. What was inside?
5. After reading the story, ask the students to draw conclusions as to what the message was. How would they feel if their loved one had to be gone for a very long time?

Activities:

1. Throughout the story, Lizzie and her mom write letters to each other. Have the students write letters to someone important in their life, and then have them send the letters. Take time to talk about the proper format for writing letters ahead of time.
2. Contact the State Family Programs Office and obtain the addresses of units from your state deployed overseas. Then, have the students write letters to those Service Members.

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