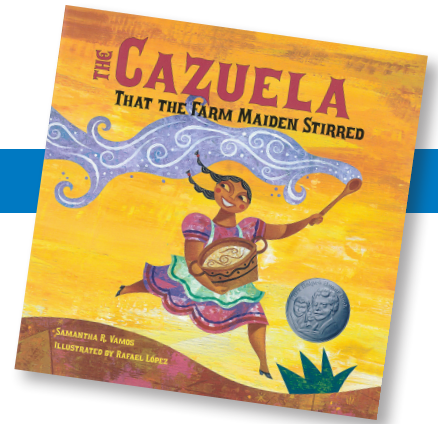


# The Cazuela That the Farm Maiden Stirred



## A RIF GUIDE FOR PARENTS AND FAMILIES

**Themes:** Community, Food, Celebrations, Latino Culture

**Book Brief:** Animals help the farm maiden cook up a special recipe. While the pot simmers, the friends dance and sing together.

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## TIME TO READ!



### Before reading, build background knowledge:

Talk to your child about times when you have cooked and shared food with friends and family. Ask your child if they can

remember a special time you shared food with your community.

**While reading, practice vocabulary:** Practice saying each new Spanish word. If the word is new to you, use clues from the book to figure out the meaning of each one.

### After reading, ask questions:

- ◆ How does each character help make the food?
- ◆ What would have happened if the characters had forgotten about the *cazuela*?

## RELATED ACTIVITIES

### ARROZ CON LECHE

Make the recipe for *arroz con leche* at the back of the book. Look up other versions of the dish from different Latin American countries. How are the recipes alike? Different? Why? ¡Buen provecho!

### ¡DE COLORES!

Ingredients: *arroz con leche*, food coloring

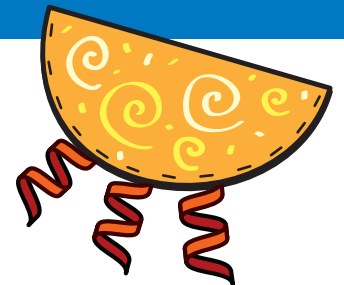
While making the *arroz con leche* recipe, add food coloring to the milk before heating it with the rice. You can also add food coloring at the end, after serving, so each person has a different color. Mix colors together to see what shades you can make!



### MARACAS DE ARROZ

Watch this video and follow the instructions to make rice maracas [www.youtube.com/watch?v=GucukVsB\\_lk](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GucukVsB_lk).

While you make your instruments, listen to Latin American and Caribbean music: [www.live365.com](http://www.live365.com).



### CELEBRATE FOOD

Plan your next get together with dear friends and family. What food will you prepare together? What will you do before, during, and after you cook and eat the food? Make invitations or call to invite friends and family to this special occasion.

## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

### OTHER BOOKS BY THIS AUTHOR

*Alphabet Trucks* (2013)

*Before You Were Here, Mi Amor* (2009)



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