My BOOKS Summer

Freddie Ramos Makes a Splash

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Enjoy the Book Together

- *Zapatos* is the Spanish word for shoes, and Freddie Ramos has some very special *zapatos*! They make him run super fast and jump super high, just like a superhero! Freddie uses his shoes to save people in need. As you read, talk about what superpowers you and your child would like to have if you were superheroes. Why would you choose that power? How could you save people with this power?

- The author uses bold words for phrases like "Zoom! Zoom! Zapato!" and "Flip! Flop! Flip! Flop." As you read, notice these words. Discuss why you think the author chose to make these words bold.

Make Personal Connections

- When Freddie is scared that Erika is going to make him pay for taking back the wallet, he goes for a run. Freddie runs so fast in his super *zapatos* and feels much better after the run. Talk with your child about what you both do to feel better when you're nervous.

- Freddie loses his backpack with his special *zapatos* inside! Pretend you two have lost something important. Where will you look?

Literacy Tip

Freddie is the main character in this story, and he changes a lot from the beginning to the end. While reading, notice how his actions and decisions change over time.

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Is Freddie Ramos a superhero, a regular kid, or both? Complete the sentences on the chart. For each sentence, check the boxes for superhero, regular kid, or both.

	Superhero	Regular Kid
1. When Freddie falls on his bottom, he finds _____ .		
2. Freddie gets the lost wallet back by _____ .		
3. Freddie smells grape on Erika's breath and knows _____ .		
4. Freddie is not looking forward to camp because _____ .		
5. Worrying about tomorrow, Freddie makes himself feel better by _____ .		
6. Freddie wants to help the janitor in the locker room because _____ .		
7. Freddie figured out where his white backpack was by _____ .		
8. Erika takes Puppy's new toy, so Freddie _____ .		