LET'S READ TOGETHER

In this story, Cecilia puts together a special present for her great aunt’s 90th birthday celebration – a basket filled with reminders of all the good times she and her Tía have shared. As you read or listen to the story with your child, pay attention to the items Cecilia includes in the birthday basket for her aunt and why she includes each one.

LET'S TALK ABOUT NEW WORDS

Here are some words to talk about as you read or listen to A Birthday Basket for Tía:

- **decorate**, to make something pretty or special
- **musician**, a person who sings or plays music
- **rush**, to do something very quickly
- **secret**, to keep something hidden
- **eager**, feeling excited for something to happen
- **surprised**, the feeling when something happens that you didn’t know about

LET'S PLAY

**Fill a Memory Basket**

In the story, Cecilia choose different items to put in her Tía’s birthday basket. Explain how each item represented a special memory of something Cecilia and her Tía had done together. Using a box or basket, walk around your home with your child. Help your child choose 3-5 objects that are special to them. These objects could include a favorite teddy bear, a book, or special picture. After you fill the basket together, sit and talk about each object. You might ask, “What makes that object important? What happy memories do you have about this object?”