LET’S READ TOGETHER

In this story, Omu cooks up a large batch of her thick red stew. One by one, her neighbors follow their noses toward the delicious scent. And one by one, Omu shares her meal with them until the pot is empty. Omu has nothing left for herself until her neighbors come back to show their gratitude and bring food to her. As you read or listen to the story with your child, pay attention to why the neighbors return to Omu’s and how they feel at the end of the story.

LET’S TALK ABOUT NEW WORDS

Here are some words to talk about as you read or listen to Thank You, Omu:

- **stew**, a mixture of meat and other food cooked slowly
- **scrumptious**, tasty
- **wafted**, to move lightly through the air
- **vendor**, a person who sells things, especially on the street
- **blue**, sad or unhappy
- **wondered**, to be curious about something

LETS PLAY

Write a Thank You Note

At the end of the story, the little boy shows his gratitude to Omu by writing a thank you note. Talk to your child about who they are thankful for and why. Encourage your child to write a thank you note, or help them write and decorate a note to someone to share how grateful they are for them. It can be anyone - a family member, a community member, or a friend. Talk with your child about what they want to include in their note and support all efforts at writing, even scribbles. Ask questions that will encourage your child to express their feelings about giving and receiving notes, such as, “How will you feel giving this thank you note? How will your friend feel to receive your note?”