**Día! Family Book Club**

**Lesson Plan 1: Ages 4-8**

**Book Information**

*Cora Cooks Pancit* by Dorina K. Lazo Gilmore

**Pre-Club Activities**

Set up a display area promoting the book club event. Include one copy of the book for in-library reading, and cookbooks from around the world.

**Club Activities**

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<td>Introduction</td>
<td>Read the book aloud. Stopping throughout the book to emphasize and clarify the meaning of the Filipino words.</td>
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| Discussion Questions| 1. Cora’s family is of Filipino heritage and her family enjoys making and eating traditional Filipino foods. Has anyone ever tried any of the foods Cora’s family eats in this story? If yes, what did you think of them? If no, do they sound like something you would like to try?  

2. Does your family have any special traditions involving foods? Do you have any special recipes that have been passed down for generations?  

3. In this book each of Cora’s siblings has a job. In your family do the children have any special jobs?  

4. It makes Cora feel really special to be able to cook with her Mom without her brothers and sisters around. Do you sometimes like spending time alone with one of your family members? What do you like to do with them?  

5. In this book, the words only tell part of the story. Did anyone notice another story that was only told in the pictures? Did anyone notice the dog? What story was told by the pictures of the dog? |
| Family Activity     | Divide the families into small groups and ask each family member to share their favorite family recipe. Provide recipe cards for sharing. |
| Small Group Activity| 1. Play the traditional Filipino game, Sungka.  

2. Create party decorations. Set up a coloring station with coloring pages with images from Filipino Culture such as the flag, flower (Jasmine) and fruit (Mango). After the images are colored in children may cut them out and hang them up.  

3. Set up a listening/viewing station in which families can view traditional dances and listen to traditional music of the Philippines. |

Visit http://dia.ala.org for more resources, activity sheets, and information.
Full Group Activities

Share a Filipino meal. Provide a sampling of some of the dishes discussed in the book.

Post Club Activities

1. Visit a Filipino restaurant.
2. Make a favorite family recipe together. Give each family member a special job.
3. Read more about the Philippines. (Provide a list of materials in the library's collection. Include both fiction and nonfiction titles, as well as, audio CD's and DVD's.)

Additional Resources for Club

1. Instructions for playing Sangka:

2. Link to video of traditional music:
   http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wjVD-cKu0Fg

3. Link to video of folk dance:
   http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rlMZKcCSjoQ&list=PL731F90F46F67E8F7

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