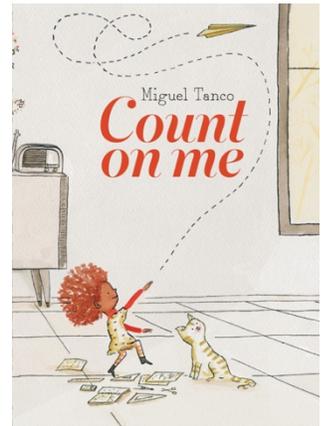


## Count on Me

Written and Illustrated by: Miguel Tanco

Each person in this family has a different passion. Dad loves art. Mom loves science. Brother loves music. And our main character loves math. As readers follow her, they will see the world through her math lens, and will likely discover a new way math is represented in the illustrations each time they read the book.



### Possible strategies for instruction:

#### **Comprehension:**

- **Analyze how visual elements integrate and contribute to the meaning of text:**  
Miguel Tanco tells much of the story through his math-rich illustrations.
  - The main character tells us that her dad has a passion. Read the picture to see what it is. Pages 1-2 What is her mom's passion? Pages 3-4
  - The author tells us that her brother loves music. Read the picture to see what instrument he plays. Pages 5-6
  - What kinds of things did the main character try as she endeavored to discover her own passion? Pages 7-10
  - Study the pictures to discover all the ways Miguel Tanco incorporates math.
- **Determine and analyze author's purpose and support with text:**
  - Why do you think Miguel Tanco titled this book Count on Me?
- **Infer and Support with Evidence:**  
This book is rich with place to infer.
  - What might the children waiting for a turn be thinking/saying? Page 21-22
  - What is the difficult group problem they need to solve? Pages 23-24

#### **Accuracy:**

- **Cross-check: Does it look right, sound right, and make sense?:**
  - "At home, everyone has a **passion**." When read phonetically, this word doesn't sound right or make sense, even though it looks right. Model adjusting until the word meets all three cross-check criteria. Page 1
- **Chunk letters and sounds together:**
  - "There are **geometric** shapes on the playground." This word may seem forbidding at first, but when broken into four chunks, it is easy to figure out.

#### **Fluency:**

- **Use punctuation to enhance phrasing and prosody:**
  - The text is simple, but provides a perfect opportunity to talk about how commas and ellipses influence phrasing.

#### **Expand Vocabulary:**

- **Tune in to interesting words and use new vocabulary in speaking and writing:**
  - There are several wonderful words to attend to: passion, geometric, concentric, infinite, fractals, polygons, trajectories.

***This text can be used with nearly any strategy on the CAFE menu. The above strategies are a highlighted collection to use as a springboard for further instruction.***