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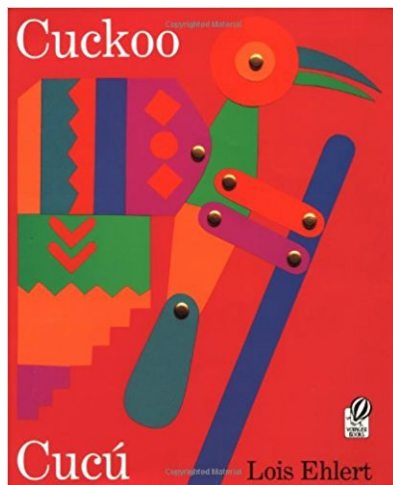
September 2021 Lesson  
Lessons Ideas: Hispanic Heritage Month  
Inspired by Aimee Curtis Pftizner  
Great Plains Orff Chapter



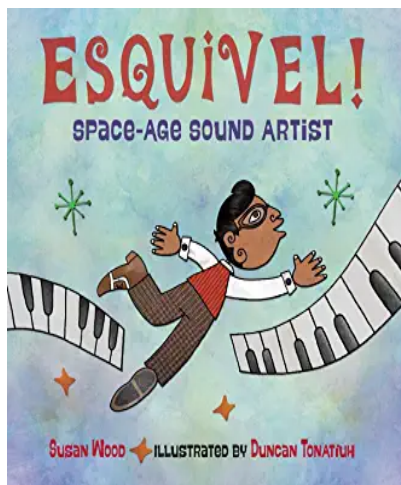
Hispanic and Latinx Heritage Month is celebrated in the US from September 15th - October 15th. The dates coincide with the national independence days in Chile, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, and Mexico. NOTE: it is very important to understand that while these celebrations are celebrated during these months, you should always work towards having these cultures represented in your classrooms throughout the year...not just during Hispanic and Latinx Heritage Month. Below, I list several books, dances, and resources that you can use in your classroom to bring these cultures to life for your students. Make sure to do your research on the historical backgrounds of the songs and materials BEFORE presenting them to your students. Know better, do better!

## **Books:**

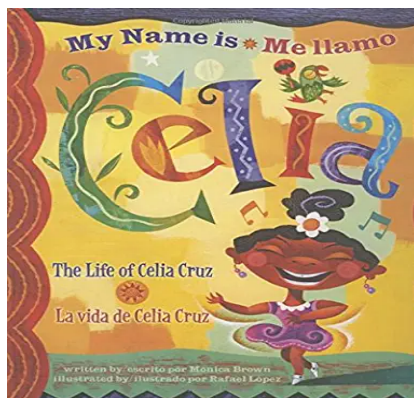
### **Cuckoo/Cucú**



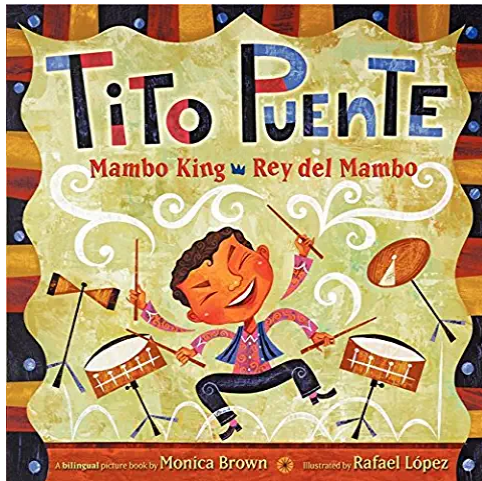
### **Esquivel! Space-Age Sound Artist**



### **My Name is Celia**



## Tito Puente Mambo King



## Drum Dream Girl




## Dances

Carnavalito from Bolivia

📺 Carnivalito

Option: Students could create their own A section.


Chililin from Bolivia - Yes, that is the correct spelling, often seen as Chilili - modified on the same video above.

Dance:  Chilili - Bolivia/Peru -OR-

 Rob Amchin—University of Louisville—Chilili (Bolivia)—Folk dance teaching process

Dance with Legos:  Chilili - Bolivian Folk Dance - in LEGOs

Los Machetes- learned this from Rob Amchin

 Rob Amchin—Orff Game—Los Machetes adaptations

### **Lesson extensions:**

I have also used Lin-Manuel Miranda as a way to connect the students to pop culture. (I actually got to meet him after a performance of *In the Heights* in 2009.) I am planning to use some clips from *In the Heights* (the movie) to show the explosion that was this summer, having such a beautiful representation of the Latinx community. The kids love the tie-in of *Moana*!