

PROJECT: GET IT DONE TOGETHER

One Crazy Summer | Meeting #2

Last week, you read:

- Breakfast Program
- Even the Earth Is A Revolutionary
- Crazy Mother Mountain
- Everyone Knows the King of the Sea
- Coloring and La-La

This week, you read:

- Counting & Skimming
- Big Red S
- China Who
- Expert Colored Counting
- Civic Pride

Discussion Questions:

- A.** Fern's doll, Miss Patty Cake, is a doll that looks different than the sisters. Do you have a doll or a toy that looks different than you? Why did you pick it?
- B.** Delphine notices a photograph of a woman with the quote "I'm sick and tired of being sick and tired". Who said that? What did she do?
- C.** Sister Mukumbu is described as a real teacher, the kind that asks the right types of questions and gets kids to join in. Do you have a teacher like that? What other ways does a teacher show you they are welcoming and want to hear what you have to say?
- D.** Delphine talks about how she can remember her mother's smooth voice singing, with piano, bass and drums. She said it reminded her of smoke, like it surrounded her. Can you think of other things that give you a warm feeling like that? A sound that makes you feel like you have been wrapped in warmth?
- E.** Delphine says she beat up Ellis Carter for asking her to speak in Dolphin like they did to Flipper on the TV. How else could she have managed her feelings? What would have been a better way to deal with Ellis?
- F.** Why do you think Delphine gets upset when Vonetta hangs out with the other three sisters? How do you think the story would be different if it was told from Vonetta's point of view?
- G.** The sisters have to spend a lot of time out the house until Cecile will let them back in to the Green Stucco House. What would you do if you had to stay outside all day?

"I had a lot of those memories clicking before me like projector slides in the dark. Lots of pictures, smells, and sounds flashing in and out. Mostly about Cecile, all going way, way back."
– Delphine