

# Tea Party

## Why?

- \* A Tea Party serves as a valuable "into" activity before students even see the book.
- \* A Tea Party gives the students a "taste" of the book, novel, or play.
- \* Students will hold onto their quotes and revisit them in context during the actual reading, providing many opportunities for an "ah-ha!"
- \* A Tea Party motivates children to read.

## How?

- \* Select quotes from material that your class will be reading or studying.
- \* Write/type them on strips of paper, one per student.
- \* Students randomly walk around the room and greet each other by reading their quotes *without responding*.
- \* After the "tea party," students should be able to predict some of the characters, setting, events, problems, speech, etc.
- \* An alternative follow-up: hang signs for story elements in different areas. Students proceed to those areas, read their quotes and discuss why they feel their quote fits that story element. (Follow this activity with a large group discussion, where students may speculate about the content of the literature piece or content material.)



# Tea Party In Action:

