

# READING KIBOU'S LIGHT WITH YOUR CHILDREN

## A How-to Guide For Parents



## Glossary

### Fireworks Galaxy

The Fireworks Galaxy is an existing distant location, 25.2 million light-years away from Earth, where the fictional planet Kibou is located.

### Mochis

The Mochis are imaginary little creatures living on the planet Kibou. Initially happy and cozy, they face a crisis when natural disasters threaten their home.

### Nature's Wrath

Nature's wrath represents the floods and tornadoes that sweep through the land of the Mochis on Kibou, causing fear and distress among the creatures.



Kibou's Light is a story written for young children that will help them make sense of climate related events and other changes they may see taking place in the natural world around them.

## Before Reading

- Days before reading: Draw children's attention to the natural elements - for example, the strength of the wind, how hard the rain falls, etc.
- Setting the scene: Create a comfortable and engaging reading environment
- Pre-reading discussion: Ask children if they have noticed any changes in the weather

## Reading Together

- Pause and Reflect: Take breaks to ask your child what they think is happening on planet Kibou and how the Mochis might be feeling.
- Relate to Real Life: Connect the story to real-life by discussing times when your family experienced an extreme weather event like the Mochis of Kibou.
- Point Out Solutions: Highlight the innovative ways the Mochis use to conserve energy and protect their planet (planting trees, cleaning up litter, reusing water)

## After Reading

- Discuss Emotions and Feelings: Talk about the how the Mochis felt when tornados swept their land and how they overcame their fears by working together.
- Encourage Action: Suggest simple actions you and your child can take to help the environment, such as planting trees, like the Mochis did.
- Create a Pledge: Together with your child, hold hands and create a pledge to take care of the Earth, just like the Mochis did.

# Themes

## Climate Change

The book addresses the impacts of climate change and extreme weather events on the Mochis' planet, Kibou.

## Hope & Empowerment

The Mochis discover that through collective action and love, they can restore Kibou's light and ensure a brighter future.

## Empathy & Community

The Mochis empathize with each other, come together, and realize the power of community in facing challenges.

## Innovation & Action

The Mochis work together to develop innovative solutions to conserve energy and mitigate climate change.

## Environmental Stewardship

The story emphasizes the importance of cherishing and protecting the land.

# Discussion Questions

What kind of weather is happening on Kibou?  
Have you ever seen a storm like that?

Why do you think the Mochis are hiding?

Do you ever feel like hiding during a big storm?  
How does the thunder and lightning make you feel?

What did the Mochis see in the other Mochis' eyes that made them want to go out and share?

How are the Mochis reusing the water from the lake? Can we do any of these things at home?

Why do you think the Mochis are planting trees? Do you think we should do the same on Earth?

How do you think the Mochis feel about working together to save Kibou? How can we work together, like the Mochis do, here on Earth?

Why do you think the big tree is now glowing?



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