

My Journey Home

Family Connection

Your child is reading a chapter from *Ramona Quimby, Age 8* called “The Extra-good Sunday.” Ramona and her sister cook dinner for the family after complaining about the previous night’s meal.

DAY 1

What’s Cooking? With your child, create a recipe book for your favorite family meals. Write step-by-step directions for each meal, and don’t forget the list of ingredients. Add illustrations, too. Even if it’s a simple meal such as a peanut butter sandwich for lunch, it’ll be fun to write out the steps for making it.

Tip!

Consider including a section for old recipes that have been passed down by older family members.

DAY 2

Vocabulary on the Go Take turns saying the following sentence with different emotions: “What’s for supper tonight?” First say the sentence *anxiously*. Then say it in a *tense* voice, a *festive* voice, and a *cross* voice. Talk about how knowing the meanings of these words helps your child understand the characters in stories better. Other emotion words from the story to practice are *wicked*, *eager*, *frantically*, and *good-humored*.

DAY 3

Starring Ramona Quimby If you have the opportunity, watch the big-screen movie adaptation of *Ramona and Beezus* together. You can also find clips online from the Ramona TV series that ran on public television in the late 1980s. The episode based on this week’s story is called “Mystery Meal.”

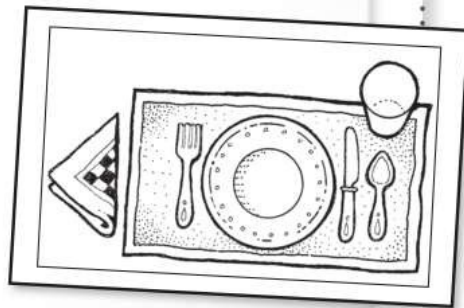
CHALLENGE

Pretend you are critics, and compare the book characters to how they are portrayed on film.

All Set for Supper Below is a guide for setting the table for everyday meals. Read it together, and then put it into practice tonight!

How to Set the Table

- The dinner plate goes in the center of the setting. The plate should be about 1 inch from the edge of the table.
- The dinner fork goes to the left of the plate. If you are using a salad fork, place it to the left of the dinner fork.
- The knife goes to the right of the plate. The knife blade should face the plate.
- If you are serving soup first, place a soup spoon to the right of the knife. Put a soup bowl on top of the plate.
- The napkin can go either to the left of the fork or on the dinner plate.
- The glass goes above the knife.
- A centerpiece and salt and pepper shakers complete the table setting. Enjoy your meal!



Stay Safe Brainstorm a list of kitchen safety rules together.

Examples: Always wash your hands before and after handling food; wipe up spills as soon as they happen; hold knives by the handle and never point them at anyone.



Book Links

- *Henry and Beezus*, by Beverly Cleary
- *Dear Mr. Henshaw*, by Beverly Cleary **CHALLENGE**



Internet Challenge Plan a family “mystery meal” together featuring recipes you have never tried. To find recipes, search online for “recipes for kids.”