

READ FOR THE RECORD DAY TRINIDAD THEME

"I AM - YES I CAN"

STUDENTS CAN READ THE POEM BELOW entitled, *I am Beautiful*, AND THEN CREATE THEIR OWN.

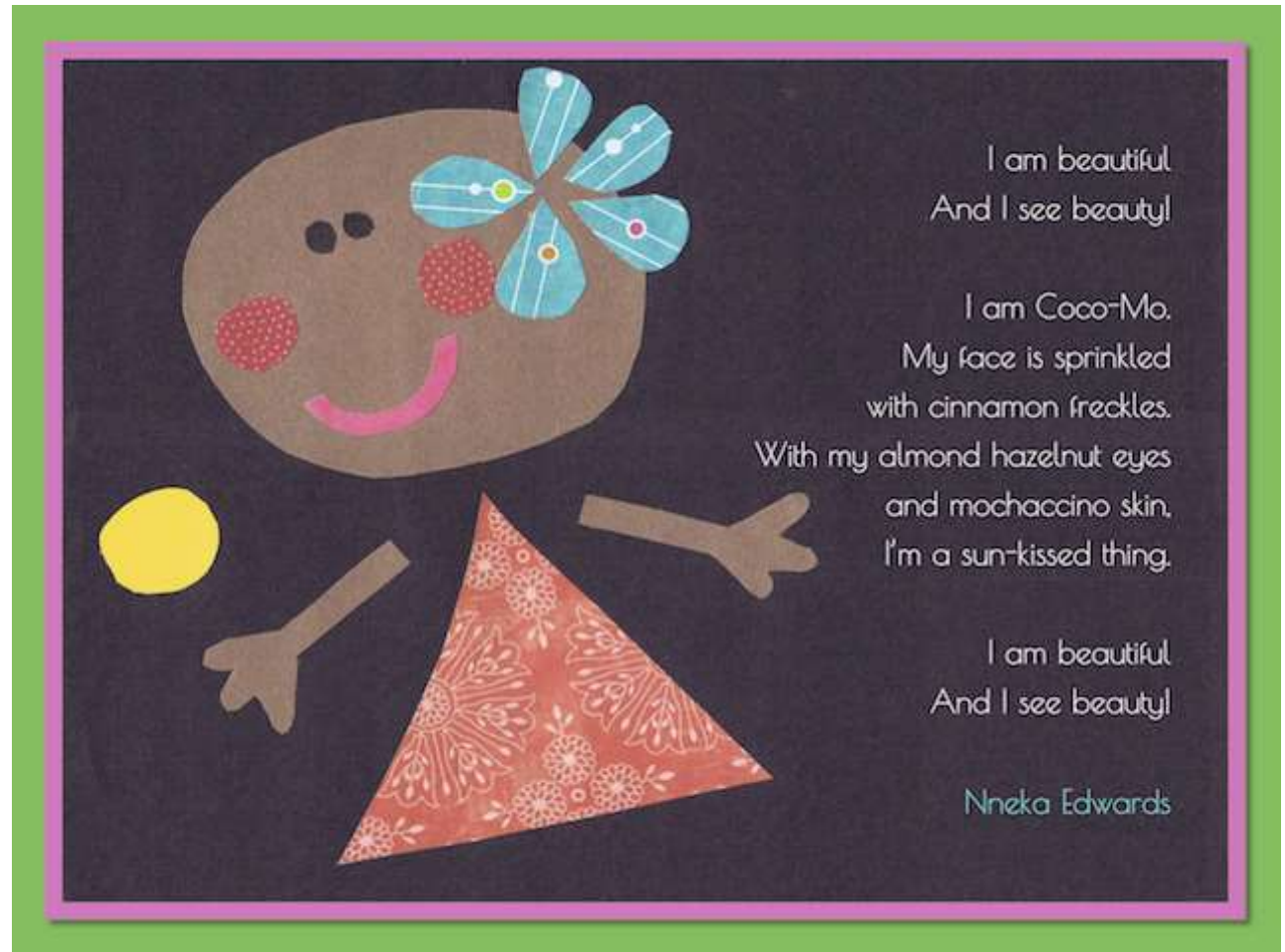
How does the I am Beautiful poem by Nneka Edwards connect to the Quackers story?

Help children understand that to be understanding of others and to be accepting of the cat's experience in the book *Quackers*, we also have to feel good about themselves. As teachers we know that

- children who feel badly about themselves often treat others badly
- and
- children with strong self-esteem value and respect themselves and are more than likely to treat others with respect too.

On RFRD 2017, we can help children feel good about themselves. **Ask them how do they feel about themselves?**

Help children to feel **accepted, respected,** and **valued.**



I am beautiful
And I see beauty!

I am Coco-Mo.
My face is sprinkled
with cinnamon freckles.
With my almond hazelnut eyes
and mochaccino skin,
I'm a sun-kissed thing.

I am beautiful
And I see beauty!

Nneka Edwards

STUDENTS CAN WRITE AND CREATE THEIR OWN SPECIAL
POEM

I AM SMART ... I AM AWESOME...[SEE ACTIVITY SHEETS.](#)

