This week your child is reading *How Tía Lola Came to Stay*, a story about how a boy helps his aunt feel better about being away from her home in the Dominican Republic.

**Vocabulary on the Go**  Talk with your child about times you both felt homesick. Then come up with different things that could have made you feel better. Try to use some of these words.  
welcomed  sensitive  negative  included  encouragement

**Cooking Causes and Effects**  Name some different foods that you make at home. Then choose one of the foods and talk about the different things that happen when you prepare it. Try talking about these questions: What happens when I mix the flour with water? Why should I grease the cake pan? What causes the cake to bake?

**Tip!**  Point out that a *cause* is an event that makes something else—the *effect*—happen.

**Caribbean Vacation**  Help your child find books or websites that tell about the Dominican Republic or other islands in the Caribbean. Talk about why it would be a good place to visit. What would you see there? What would you do?

**Challenge**  Help your child make an advertisement for a vacation to the Dominican Republic or other island. Include both words and pictures.
**Pizza Time**  Read the recipe with your child. Then use the recipe to make a delicious pizza.

**Pizza**

**Ingredients**
- 1 package active dry yeast
- 1 cup warm water
- 1 teaspoon sugar
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 2 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- pinch salt
- 1 cup of tomato sauce
- 1 cup of mozzarella cheese

**Preparation**
1. Add yeast to the water and stir. Let it stand for 10 minutes.
2. Add sugar, oil, flour, and salt. Then mix well to combine.
3. Set mixing bowl filled with dough in warm water for 30 minutes to allow the dough to rise.
4. Roll out the dough on a well-greased pizza pan or cookie sheet.
5. Spread the tomato sauce and cheese on your dough.
6. Bake the pizza for 15 minutes at 400 degrees.

**Favorite Foods**  Together, name some favorite foods that your family likes to eat. Then choose one of the foods and work together to make it for your family.

**Book Links**
- *Drita, My Homegirl*, by Jenny Lombard
- *In the Year of the Boar and Jackie Robinson*, by Bette Bao Lord  **CHALLENGE**

**Internet Challenge**  Together, find a website that tells about foods from around the world. List several foods that you would like to try.