Play with a Purpose
Episode 9: Recipes with Toni Morrison
Grown-Up Guide

Book/Material
Peeny Butter Fudge: Written by Toni Morrison & Slade Morrison; Illustrated by Joe Cepeda

Concepts
Recipes; Synonyms; Repetition; Nobel Prize

Words to Know:
Dedicated; Abstract Noun; Concrete Noun, Action Verbs, Synonym

Main Activity
After watching Amy and Michelle write their recipe poem, students will write their own recipe poems (individually or as a class). Have students go through the same steps writing their poem as Amy and Michelle to create their recipe poem. Younger students who have not mastered writing can illustrate a class made poem, perform verbally, or summarize/explain the poem as well.

Follow Up/Extension
1. Follow the recipe for “Peeny Butter Fudge” (https://d28hgpri8am2if.cloudfront.net/tagged_assets/6286_peeny_butter_fudge.jpg) as a class or ahead of time to share with students. Discuss all five senses used as you enjoy the fudge.
2. Starting at minute 5:30, the mother comes home. There are no words on those two pages, but a lot is happening. Discuss the mother’s reaction: have students explain what is happening. Have older students (those more confident in writing) write potential text for those pages.
Additional Resources

2. A newspaper article about the literary significant people that have come out of Lorain County: https://www.morningjournal.com/news/the-mighty-lorain-pen-from-rice-to-morrison-this-city-is-rich-in-writers/article_5adf01b3-4571-5986-810c-be2a68928ea4.html

3. Information about the Nobel Prize (which Toni Morrison won in 1993) https://www.nobelprize.org/prizes/literature/


Video Link:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Lz6PgtE_Myo&t=3s