

# **Evelyn Del Rey is Moving Away**

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**Synopsis:** Evelyn Del Rey is Daniela's best friend, her mejor amiga. But after today, everything will be different. After today, Evelyn won't live in a mirror-image apartment across the street. Today Evelyn Del Rey is moving away. The two girls spend one last afternoon together in Evelyn's apartment, playing among the boxes, until the apartment is empty and it's time to say their goodbyes. They promise to visit and keep in touch, and though they will be apart, they know they will always be each other's first best friend, their número uno."--Jacket flap.

**Suggested Reading Date:** Anytime. Also: National Make a Friend Day (February 11), Best Friends Day (June 8), International Friendship Day (July 30).

### **Activity Descriptions:**

- **Create Cards.** Have students make card for a student who is moving. Discuss what the card should contain and why giving a card is a nice thing to do.
- **Discuss Friendship.** How do we know Evelyn and Daniela are good(best) friends? What in the text and illustrations show this?
- **Discuss Moving.** Some students may have experienced a move, other may not have. Have students share their experiences.
- **Write a Letter.** Write a letter from either Evelyn or Daniela. What might they say in their first letter after the move?

### **Related Websites:**

- Author website: <https://megmedina.com/>
- Candlewick Press Activity packet: [https://megmedina.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/Evelyn\\_TG.pdf](https://megmedina.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/Evelyn_TG.pdf)
- Preliminary Sketches by Illustrator: <http://blaine.org/sevenimpossiblethings/?p=5153>

### **Text to Text Connections:**

*Birdsong* by Julie Flett  
*Bruce's Big Move* by Ryan T. Higgins  
*The Blue House* by Phoebe Wahl  
*Neighbors* by Kasya Denisevich

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