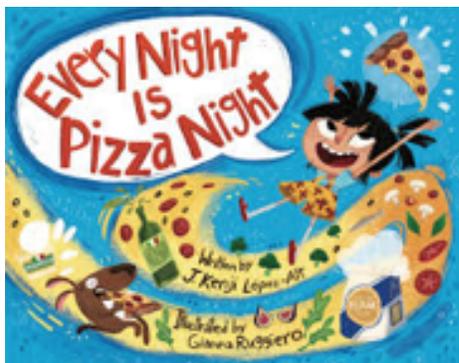




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Pipo thinks that pizza is the best. No, Pipo *knows* that pizza is the best. It is a scientific fact. But when she sets out on a neighborhood-spanning quest to prove it, she discovers that "best" might not mean what she thought it meant. Join Pipo as she cooks new foods with her friends Eugene, Farah, Dakota, and Ronnie and Donnie. Each eating experiment delights and stuns her taste buds. Is a family recipe for bibimbap better than pizza? What about a Moroccan tagine that reminds you of home? Or is the best food in the world the kind of food you share with the

people you love? Warm and funny, with bright, whimsical illustrations by Gianna Ruggiero, *Every Night Is Pizza Night* is a story about open-mindedness, community, and family. With a bonus pizza recipe for young readers to cook with their parents, *Every Night Is Pizza Night* will make even the pickiest eaters hungry for something new.

## **RRS connection to TEKS: Please refer to TEKS for English Language Arts and Reading**

- *Comprehension skills*
- *Response skills*
- *Author's purpose and craft*
- *Composition I: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts--writing process.*
- *Composition II: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts--genres.*
- *Inquiry and research*

### **Vocabulary:**

- scientific fact
- taste tests
- science experiment
- scientist
- data
- bibimbap, tagine, red beans and rice, dumplings, matzo ball soup, empanadas, pozole
- ingredients

### **Pre-reading engagement:**

- What does an author do? Think about the title of the book? What does it tell us about the story? What do you think the story is about?
- What does an illustrator do? Look at the artwork. What do you see? How does the artwork make you feel? What do the illustrations tell us about the story?
- What can we say about the illustrator by just looking at the book cover?
- Open the book, what do you see? Where do you think Pipo is going?
- Look through the book and pick a favorite page. What do you like about this page?
- Ask for help in finding other books about cooking and learn new recipes. Here's one you may love: [Amy & the Perfect Bao](#)

### **While/ post reading engagement:**

- Why do Pipo's parents look so upset? What do you think would make them happy?
- How many pizza tests does Pipo do? Can you find the largest number?
- What pizza test did she forget to include? Help her create a new pizza test.
- What does data mean? Where does Pipo get her new dish data?
- What does Pipo love more than pizza?
- In your opinion, what dish is better than pizza? Make a drawing of your favorite dish!
- Think about your own neighbors. Can you think of one who cooks yummy dishes?
- Make a drawing of your neighborhood. What dish reminds you of home? Make a drawing.
- You can create an anchor chart outlining the elements of this story: Setting, characters, plot, conflict, theme, and point of view.

- Get ready for your author visit by making a drawing of your favorite meal or dish. You can also think about a question that you can ask Gianna Ruggiero.

**Useful links:**

- Author's website: <http://www.kenjilopezalt.com/>
- Illustrator's website: <https://www.giannaruggiero.com/>
- Kirkus Review:  
<https://www.kirkusreviews.com/book-reviews/j-kenji-lopez-alt/every-night-pizza-night/>
- Virtual story time: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wMQwf9LUa3A>
- Another book about pizza: [Pizza Day](#)