



## Popcorn

*The Popcorn Book* by Tomie de Paola

### Need:

Air Popper

Popcorn

Ziploc baggies with unpopped corn

Bowls to estimate how much corn will pop

Paper to write names and make estimates

Salt

Butter

Sugar

Cheese shakers

Coffee filters

1. Make popcorn before the kids arrive so that they can smell it and guess the theme
2. Read *The Popcorn Book*—you don't need to read the whole thing—you can jump around
  - a. Preface the book—Tony likes to cook. Tiny likes to read. But both twins like to eat popcorn. So while Tony cooks it, Tony reads about:
    - what it is
    - how it's cooked
    - how people long ago made it
    - how much popcorn Americans eat
    - popcorn stories and legends
3. Estimate quantity of popped popcorn from unpopped kernels
4. Watch popcorn pop
  - What do you see, smell, hear, feel taste?
5. Add your own toppings
  - Read *It Looked Like Spilt Milk* or *Duck! Rabbit!* and look for shapes in the popcorn kernels.
  - What flavor of popcorn would you invent?