

Merci Suarez Changes Gears

By Meg Medina

HAVE
FUN!



Discuss

Talk through your thoughts.

- What is Merci's goal for the future? Does she accomplish that goal? If so, how?
- What are the requirements for Merci and Roli's scholarship? Do you think these are fair? Explain why or why not.

Create

Make an experience of your own.

- With the permission of a parent or guardian, visit your local library or look online for resources on Alzheimer's. What is it, what are symptoms, and what can you do if you think someone you know has Alzheimer's?

Imagine

Use your imagination to explore.

- Imagine that you are a Sunshine Buddy like Merci. Think of some great Sunshine Buddy activities you could do.
- Brainstorm some ideas of how Merci shows bravery and resistance.

Explore

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