**The Summer My Father Was Ten**

By Pat Brisson

**Essential Questions**

How do apologizes help repair a hurt?

Why does it take courage to right a wrong?

What caused the boys to get out of control to the point of destroying the garden?

Why was Mr. Bellavista made fun of?

**Vocabulary**

Bouquet

Opera

Accent

Nursing home

**Learner Profile**

*Caring and Reflective*

How do the characters demonstrate caring? How are the characters reflective? Find evidence in the text.

Can you make connections with any of the other Learner Profile attributes?

**Non-fiction Connections**

Listen to an opera.

Find the Italian ethnic neighborhood in Chicago.

**Activities**

Research recipes for spaghetti sauce.

Research Italian food.

Create a class graph of favorite ethnic foods.

**Quotes of Note**

**“His feet were like heavy stones holding him there.”**

**“Why?”**