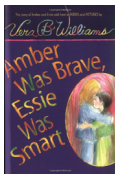
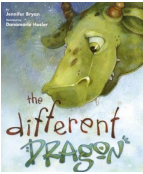




## Best Diverse Picture Books for Embracing Family Diversity in the Elementary School Classroom



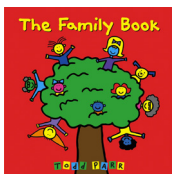
**Amber Was Brave, Essie Was Smart.** Vera B. Williams. (1 – 4) Poems tell how two sisters help each other deal with life while their mother is working and their father is in jail. Friendships and support shine through.



**The Different Dragon.** Jennifer Bryan. (Pre-K – 1) Shows how the wonderful curiosity and care of a little boy, with some help from his two moms, can lead to magical places with a dragon who is tired of being tough.



**Dreamers.** Yuyi Morales. (Pre-K – 3) In 1994, Yuyi Morales left her home in Xalapa, Mexico, and came to the U.S. with her infant son. She left behind nearly everything she owned, but she didn't come empty-handed. She brought her strength, her work and her dreams as she made her home in a new place. Spanish edition: **Soñadores.**



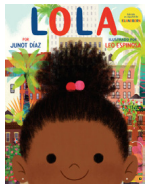
**The Family Book.** Todd Parr. (Pre-K – K) All kinds of families are celebrated in a funny, silly and reassuring way. Includes adoptive families, stepfamilies, single-parent families, two-mom and two-dad families and families with a mom and a dad.



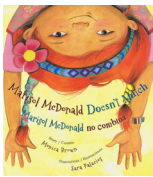
**The Great Big Book of Families.** Mary Hoffman. (Pre-K – 2) Features all kinds of families and their lives together. Each two-page spread showcases one aspect of home life—from houses and holidays, to schools and pets, to feelings and family trees.



**Heather Has Two Mommies, 25th Anniversary Edition.** Lesléa Newman. (Pre-K – K) Heather's favorite number is two—two arms, two legs and two pets. She also has two mommies. As school begins, Heather sees that “the most important thing about a family is that all the people in it love one another.”



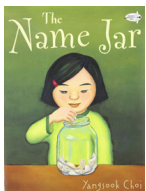
**Islandborn / Lola.** Junot Díaz. (Pre-K – 1) When her teacher asks the class to draw a picture of where they're from, Lola can't remember the Island. She interviews the people in her neighborhood to find out about it. English and Spanish editions.



**Marisol McDonald Doesn't Match/ Marisol McDonald no combina.** Monica Brown. (Pre-K – 2) Marisol McDonald, a biracial, nonconformist, soccer-playing pirate-princess with brown skin and red hair, celebrates her uniqueness. Bilingual.



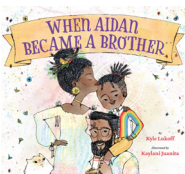
**Muskrat Will be Swimming.** Cheryl Savageau. (1 – 5) A heartwarming tale of the lesson a girl learns from a Seneca creation story her grandfather tells her—a lesson of knowing who you are and staying strong in the face of hurtful criticism.



**The Name Jar.** Yangsook Choi. (K – 2) The new kid in school needs a new name! Or does she? Having just moved from Korea, Unhei is anxious for her American classmates to like her.



**Stella Brings the Family.** Miriam B. Schiffer. (Pre-K – 1) Stella's class is having a Mother's Day celebration, but what's a girl with two daddies to do? Fortunately, Stella finds a unique solution to her party problem in this sweet story about love, acceptance and the true meaning of family.



**When Aidan Became a Big Brother.** Kyle Lukoff and Kaylani Juanita. (Pre-K – 2) When Aidan was born, everyone thought he was a girl, but as he grew older, he realized he was a trans boy. When he finds out he is going to be a big brother, he learns the most important thing about being an older sibling: how to love with his whole self.



**Yo Soy Muslim: A Father's Letter to His Daughter.** Mark Gonzales. (Pre-K – 3) A lyrical picture book about a parent who encourages their child to find joy and pride in all aspects of their multicultural identity.