



# Welcoming Schools

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## Top 10 Books for a Welcoming School

Title Author		Grade Level	Description	Topics/ Modules	Welcoming Schools Lesson Plan
<b>Amazing Grace</b> Mary Hoffman		Pre-K – 1	Although classmates say that she cannot play Peter Pan in the school play because she's black and a girl, Grace discovers that she can do anything she sets her mind to.	Gender Stereotyping, African-American	Discussing Gender Stereotyping with Children's Books
<b>And Tango Makes Three</b> Justin Richardson & Peter Parnell		Pre-K – 2	Penguins Roy and Silo at New York's Central Park Zoo, keep putting a rock in their nest and try to hatch it. The zookeeper gives them a real egg that needs care. The penguins take turns sitting on it until it hatches, and Tango is born.	Family Diversity, Animals, Two Dads, LGBTQ	And Tango Makes Three: Using Diverse Literature to Look at Story Structure
<b>The Family Book</b> Todd Parr		Pre-K – K	Different kinds of families are celebrated in a funny, silly and reassuring way. Includes adoptive families, stepfamilies, singleparent families, two-mom and two-dad families and families with a mom and a dad.	Family Diversity, Multiracial, LGBTQ, Acceptance	What is a Family?
<b>I Am Jazz</b> Jessica Herthel & Jazz Jennings		K – 5	From the time she was two years old, Jazz knew she was a girl even though everyone thought she was a boy. She loved pink and dressing up as a mermaid and didn't feel like herself in boys' clothing. Based on the real-life experience of Jazz Jennings.	Gender, Transgender, Acceptance, LGBTQ	I Am Jazz: Reading Children's Book to Help Understand Transgender Topics in Elementary School
<b>Looking Like Me</b> Walter Dean Myers		K – 3	An African American boy celebrates all of who is, including a dancer, an artist and a writer. Colorful collage illustrations and catchy rhymes.	Gender Stereotyping, Acceptance	Be Who You Are: I Am Me Poems

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<p><b>One</b> Kathryn Otoshi</p>		Pre-K – 2	Red picks on Blue. The other colors don't know what to do until One shows them how to stand up, stand together, and count. Also see the author's book, Zero, which combines learning about numbers with valuing one's self.	Bullying, Ally	Words That Hurt, Words That Heal
<p><b>Red: A Crayon's Story</b> Michael Hall</p>		Pre-K – 2	A blue crayon mistakenly labeled as "red" suffers an identity crisis. Almost everyone tries to "help" him be red until a friend offers a new perspective. He's blue! About finding the courage to be true to your inner self.	Bullying, Ally, Identity, Acceptance	Discussing Gender Stereotyping with Children's Books
<p><b>The Sissy Duckling</b> Harvey Fierstein</p>		K – 2	While other boy ducklings like to build forts, Elmer loves to bake cakes. While they play baseball, he wants to put on the halftime show. Elmer is a great big sissy. When his father is wounded by a hunter's shot, Elmer proves that the biggest sissy can also be the greatest hero.	Gender Stereotyping, Bullying, Acceptance	Using Children's Books to Look at Gender Stereotyping
<p><b>Stella Brings the Family</b> Miriam B. Schiffer</p>		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.	Family Diversity, Two Dads, Mother's Day, Father's Day, Multiracial, LGBTQ	A Note on Mother's Day and Father's Day
<p><b>Whoever You Are / Quienquiera Que Seas</b> Mem Fox</p>		Pre-K – 1	A celebration of the world's diverse cultures, both our similarities and differences. "Whoever you are, wherever you are, there are little ones just like you all over the world."	Gender Stereotyping, Prejudice, Acceptance	We Are All Human Beings