



TOP 15 BOOKS FOR A WELCOMING SCHOOL

Title Author		Grade Level	Description	Topics & Modules	Welcoming Schools Lesson Plan
Amazing Grace 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
And Tango Makes Three 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	<i>And Tango Makes Three: Using Diverse Literature to Look at Story Structure</i>
Big Bob, Little Bob James Howe		Pre-K – 2	Despite the fact that they share a name, they are different. Big Bob likes trucks, throwing balls and being loud. Little Bob likes dolls, jingling bracelets and being quiet. Yet, they become friends. When a neighbor teases Little Bob about dolls, Big Bob steps in with "Boys can do whatever they want."	Gender Stereotyping, Bullying, Acceptance, Being an Ally	Making Decisions: Ally or Bystander; Using Children's Books to Look at Gender Stereotyping
The Family Book Todd Parr		Pre-K – K	Different kinds of families are celebrated in a funny, silly and reassuring way. Includes adoptive families, step families, single parent families, two-mom and two-dad families and families with a mom and a dad.	Family Diversity, Multiracial, LGBTQ, Acceptance	What is a Family?
The Great Big Book of Families Mary Hoffman		Pre-K – 2	Features all kinds of families and their lives together. Each spread showcases one aspect of home life - from houses and holidays, to schools and pets, to feelings and family trees	Family Diversity, Multiracial, LGBTQ, Acceptance	What is a Family?

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<p><i>I Am Jazz</i> Jessica Herthel & Jazz Jennings</p>		K – 5	<p>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.</p>	Gender, Transgender, Acceptance, LGBTQ	<p><i>I Am Jazz:</i> Reading a Children's Book to Help Understand Transgender Topics in Elementary School</p>
<p><i>Looking Like Me</i> Walter Dean Myers</p>		K – 3	<p>An African American boy celebrates all of who is, including a dancer, an artist and a writer. Colorful collage illustrations and catchy rhymes.</p>	Gender Stereotyping, Acceptance	<p>Be Who You Are: I Am Me Poems</p>
<p><i>Marisol McDonald Doesn't Match / Marisol McDonald no combina</i> Monica Brown</p>		K – 2	<p>Marisol McDonald, a biracial, nonconformist, soccer-playing pirate-princess with brown skin and red hair, celebrates her uniqueness. Bilingual</p>	Family Diversity, Multiracial, Acceptance, Identity	<p>Trees of Caring: Roots and Wings; Be Who You Are: I Am Me Poems</p>
<p><i>The Name Jar</i> Yangsook Choi</p>		K – 2	<p>The new kid in school needs a new name! Or does she? Having just moved from Korea, Unhei is anxious that American kids will like her.</p>	Immigration, Prejudice, Family Diversity, Identity	<p>Learning About Each Other Through Poetry: Biopoems</p>
<p><i>One</i> Kathryn Otoshi</p>		Pre-K – 2	<p>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.</p>	Bullying, Being an Ally	<p>Words That Hurt, Words That Heal</p>

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<i>Red: A Crayon's Story</i> Michael Hall		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. This can be read on multiple levels.	Identity, Bullying, Acceptance, Being an Ally	Discussing Gender Stereotyping with Children's Books
<i>The Sissy Duckling</i> Harvey Fierstein		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
<i>Stella Brings the Family</i> 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.	Family Diversity, Two Dads, Mother's Day, Father's Day, Multiracial, LGBTQ	A Note on Mother's Day and Father's Day
<i>Whoever You Are/Quienquiera Que Seas</i> Mem Fox		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."	Identity, Acceptance, Gender Stereotyping, Prejudice,	We Are All Human Beings
<i>Wings</i> Christopher Myers		K – 2	Take flight with Ikarus Jackson, the boy with wings who remains true to his dreams despite taunts. One girl realizes he must be lonely and resolves to stop the hurtful words	Bullying, Prejudice, Acceptance, Being an Ally	Making Decisions: Ally or Bystander