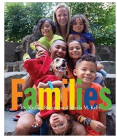
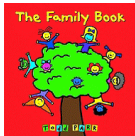


Top Books for an Elementary Classroom

Embracing All Families



Families. Shelley Rotner and Sheila M. Kelly. (Pre-K – 3) Big or small, similar or different, there are all kinds of families featured in the many photos in this book. This inclusive text can help children see beyond their experiences and begin to understand that all families are unique and different. [Lesson Plan](#)

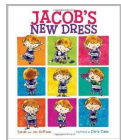


The Family Book. Todd Parr. (Pre-K – 2) All kinds of families are celebrated in a funny, silly and reassuring way. Includes adoptive families, stepfamilies, single-parent families and two-mom and two-dad families. **Spanish Edition: El libro de familia** [Lesson Plan](#)

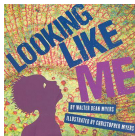


The Great Big Book of Families. Mary Hoffman. (Pre-K – 2) Features all kinds of families and their lives together. Each two-page spread showcases one aspect of home life—from houses and holidays, to schools and pets, to feelings and family trees. **Spanish Edition: El gran libro de las familias** [Lesson Plan](#)

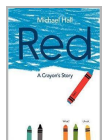
Creating Gender Inclusive Schools



Jacob's New Dress. Sarah Hoffman and Ian Hoffman. (Pre-K – 2) Jacob loves playing dress-up, when he can be anything he wants to be. Some kids at school say he can't wear "girl" clothes, but Jacob wants to wear a dress. Can he convince his parents to let him wear what he wants? [Lesson Plan](#)

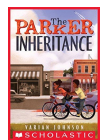


Looking Like Me. Walter Dean Myers. (K – 5) An African American boy celebrates all of who he is, including a dancer, an artist and a writer. Colorful collage illustrations and catchy rhymes. [Lesson Plan](#)

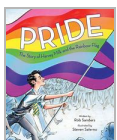


Red: A Crayon's Story. Michael Hall. (Pre-K – 2) A blue crayon mistakenly labeled as "red" suffers an identity crisis. Almost everyone tries to "help" him be red until a friend offers a new perspective. He's blue! About finding the courage to be true to your inner self. Can be read on multiple levels. [Lesson Plan](#)

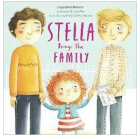
Creating LGBTQ+ Inclusive Schools



The Parker Inheritance. Varian Johnson. (3 – 6) Candice discovers a mysterious old letter about an injustice from decades ago. With the help of Brandon, she begins to decipher the clues to a story that leads them deep into their South Carolina town's history—a history full of ugly deeds and forgotten heroes. Good historical detail and LGBTQ+ characters included.



Pride: The Story of Harvey Milk and the Rainbow Flag. Rob Sanders. (3-5) In this deeply moving and empowering true story, young readers will trace the life of the Gay Pride Flag, from its beginnings in 1978 with social activist Harvey Milk and designer Gilbert Baker to its spanning of the globe and its role in today's world. [Lesson Plan](#)



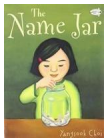
Stella Brings the Family. Miriam B. Schiffer. (Pre-K – 2) Stella's class is having a Mother's Day celebration, but what's a girl with two daddies to do? Fortunately, Stella finds a unique solution to her party problem in this sweet story about love, acceptance and the true meaning of family.

[Lesson Plan](#)

Preventing Bias-Based Bullying



Ghost. Jason Reynolds. (4 – 8) A series of books with four kids from very different backgrounds; with personalities that are explosive when they clash. All are a part of an elite middle school track team that goes to the state championships. They all have a lot to lose, but they also have a lot to prove, not only to each other, but to themselves. **Spanish Edition: Fantasma**

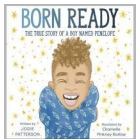


The Name Jar. Yangsook Choi. (K – 3) The new kid in school needs a new name! Or does she? Having just moved from Korea, Unhei is anxious that American kids won't like her. [Lesson Plan](#)

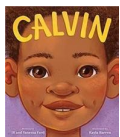


One. Kathryn Otoshi. (Pre-K – 3) Red picks on Blue. The other colors don't know what to do until One shows them how to stand up, stand together and count. Also see *Zero*. [Lesson Plan](#)

Supporting Transgender & Non-Binary Students



Born Ready: The True Story of a Boy Named Penelope. Jodie Patterson. (Pre-K – 3) Penelope knows that he's a boy. (And a ninja.) The problem is getting everyone else to realize it. Through frustrations and triumphs, Penelope's experiences show children that it always makes you stronger when you are true to yourself and who you really are. [Lesson Plan](#)

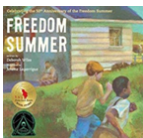


Calvin. JR Ford and Vanessa Ford. (Pre-K – 2) Calvin has always been a boy, even if the world sees him as a girl, but he hasn't yet told his family. As the first day of school approaches, he's nervous and the "what-ifs" gather up inside him, but his family, friends and teachers rally around him. [Lesson Plan](#)



Melissa. Alex Gino. (4 – 5) When people look at Melissa, they think they see a boy. But she knows she's not a boy. She knows she's a girl. Melissa really wants to be Charlotte in the school play, *Charlotte's Web*. Will she be able to? With the help of her best friend, she comes up with a plan. Not just so she can be Charlotte—but so everyone can know who she is, once and for all. (Formerly published as *George*.)

Understanding Racism: Pre-K – 8 Books That Explore and Challenge Race



Freedom Summer. Deborah Wiles. (K – 2) Joe and John Henry are a lot alike, but Joe is white and John Henry is Black. In the South in 1964, that means John Henry isn't allowed to do everything his best friend is. When a law is passed opening the town pool to everyone, they race each other there...only to discover that it takes more than a new law to change people's hearts.



Indian No More. Charlene Willing McManis. (4 – 7) After their tribe is "terminated" by the government, Regina's father signs the family up for the Indian Relocation program and moves them to Los Angeles. Regina finds a whole new world. For the first time in her life, Regina comes face to face with the viciousness of racism.



Juneteenth For Mazie. Floyd Cooper. (Pre-K – 2) Mazie is ready to celebrate liberty and freedom. She is ready to celebrate a great day in American history, the day her ancestors were no longer slaves when the Emancipation Proclamation finally made it to Texas (two years after the rest of the country heard it).

