PICTURE BOOKS/READ-ALOUDS

Barnes, Derrick. **THE KING OF KINDERGARTEN**
Instilled with confidence by his parents, a young boy has a great first day of kindergarten.

Black, Michael Ian. **I'M WORRIED**
Potato and Flamingo are worried about the future, so a friend encourages them to focus on enjoying the present, instead.

Cherry, Matthew A. **HAIR LOVE**
A little girl's dad helps her arrange her curly, wild hair into styles that allow her to be her natural self.

Colleen, Marcie. **THE BEAR'S GARDEN**
A little girl's dedication and imagination turn a vacant city lot into a beautiful community garden.

Fan, Terry, Eric & Devin Fan. **THE BARNABUS PROJECT**
In a world built for perfect pets, Barnabus is a failed project who is kept out of sight until his dreams of freedom lead him and his misfit friends on an adventure.

Ferry, Beth. **THE SCARECROW**
After a scarecrow saves a scared crow, they forge a friendship that is tested by the change of seasons.

Forsythe, Matthew. **POKKO AND THE DRUM**
When Pokko plays her drum she suddenly finds herself surrounded by a band of animal musicians.

Eliopoulos, Christopher. **THE YAWNS ARE COMING!**
The story of two best friends whose sleepover ambition is to stay up all night.

Howell, Troy. **WHALE IN A FISHBOWL**
Wednesday, a whale living in captivity, is inspired by a little girl named Piper to try to reach the sea.

Jory, John. **THE GOOD EGG**
When the other eggs in his carton behave badly, the good egg feels like he needs to be perfect.

Kelkar, Supriya. **THE MANY COLORS OF HARPREEET SINGH**
Harpreeet loves wearing colors, but when he moves, he begins wearing white because he wants to disappear.

Lindstrom, Carole. **WE ARE WATER PROTECTORS**
This beautifully illustrated story explores the Indigenous fight to protect water from pollution.

London, Jonathan. **FROGGY FOR PRESIDENT!**
Both Froggy and Frogilina are running for class president, but which candidate will voters choose?

Miller, Patricia Zietlow. **WHEN YOU ARE BRAVE**
Relates how to find your courage and use it when life seems frightening or you start something new.

Reidy, Jean. **TRUMAN**
Truman the turtle is determined to find his best friend, who has boarded a city bus on her way to preschool.

Robinson, Christian. **YOU MATTER**
Illustrations and easy-to-read text remind the reader that no matter what happens or how one feels, they matter.

Saeed, Aisha. **BILAL COOKS DAAL**
6-year-old Bilal invites friends to join his family for his favorite South Asian meal, daal.

*Title is one in a series
Shannon, David. ROY DIGS DIRT
Meet Roy, an adorable white dog who is wild about digging, digging, digging in the dirt!

Snyder, Laurel. HUNGRY JIM
Waking up with a monstrous appetite, Jim imagines himself as a lion who devours everyone in his path.

Steele, K-Fai. NORMAL PIG
When a classmate starts to point out the ways Pip is different, she starts wondering if she wants to be unique.

Teague, Mark. FELIPE AND CLAUDETTE
Felipe and Claudette are the only animals left at the pet shelter. Will they ever get adopted?

Wenzel, Brendan. A STONE SAT STILL
The story of a rock and what it means to the animals that use it as a resting place, a safe haven, and a home.

Woodson, Jacqueline. THE DAY YOU BEGIN
It isn’t easy to be an outsider, but this story reminds us how important it is that we go forth anyway.

INFORMATIONAL BOOKS

Ben-Barak, Idan. DO NOT LICK THIS BOOK: IT’S FULL OF GERMS
An inside look at the microscopic world found on everyday objects—and in our bodies.

Gravel, Elise. WHAT IS A REFUGEE?
Explains who refugees are, why they had to leave their homes, and why they’re often not welcomed elsewhere.

Jenkins, Martin. BIRD BUILDS A NEST
A gentle introduction to physical forces as a hardworking bird builds her nest.

McAnulty, Stacy. EARTH!: MY FIRST 4.54 BILLION YEARS*
The Earth introduces readers to key moments in the planet’s life, from its formation to the present.

Rockwell, Anne F. HIKING DAY
A little girl and her family go hiking up a nearby mountain for the very first time.

Sayre, April Pulley. BEING FROG
An up-close look at the behavior and habits of frogs.

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GREAT READ-ALOUDS

Beaty, Andrea. SOFIA VALDEZ, FUTURE PREZ*
When her abuelo is injured at the local landfill, Sofia is determined to transform it into a park.

Blabey, Aaron. PIG THE STINKER*
Pig the Pug loves to play in garbage and doesn’t like the idea of a bath, but eventually he decides that bath time must be endured.

Matheson, Christie. HIDDEN RAINBOW
Uncover the rainbow of colors hidden in a garden, which helps flowers bloom and bees find food.

Morris, Richard T. BEAR CAME ALONG
The river didn’t know it was capable of adventures until bear came along.

Sarcone-Roach, Julia. THERE ARE NO BEARS IN THIS BAKERY*
When Muffin, a cat, hears a suspicious noise at the bakery, his investigation reveals a hungry bear cub.

Vere, Ed. HOW TO BE A LION
When a lion and a duck are confronted by a pack of bullies, they find a creative way to stand up for themselves.

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