DEHR Book Resources to borrow for the Classroom:



Not Quite Narwhal by Jessie Sima.

Growing up in the ocean, Kelp has always assumed that he was a narwhal like the rest of his

family. Sure, he's always been a little bit different - his tusk isn't as long, he's not as good of a swimmer, and he really doesn't enjoy the cuisine. Then one night, an extra strong current sweeps Kelp to the surface, where he spots a mysterious creature that looks just like him. Kelp discovers that he and the creature are actually unicorns.



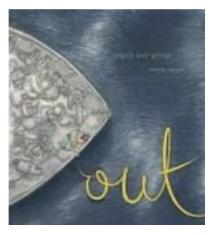
Red A Crayon's Story by Michael Hall.

Red has a bright red label, but he is, in fact, blue. His teacher tries to help him be red, his

mother tries to help him be red, and the scissors try to help him be red. But Red is miserable. He just can't be red, no matter how hard he tries. Finally, a friend offers a new perspective, and Red discovers what readers have known all along. This funny, heartwarming, colorful picture book about being true to your inner self.



From the stars in the sky to the fish in the sea by Kai Cheng Thom. Miu Lan can change into any shape they can imagine and faces many questions about who they are and who they may be, but their mother loves them just the same.



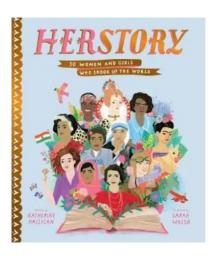
Out by Angela May George and Owen Swan.

"I'm called an asylum seeker, but that's not my name." A little girl flees her homeland, making a long and treacherous boat journey with her mother to seek asylum in Australia. Starting a new life is challenging but they work hard to create a new home.



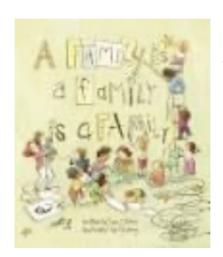
One Family by George Shannon and Blanca Gomez.

"One is one and everyone. One earth. One world. One family." A playful interactive counting book that shows how a family can be big or small and comprised of people of a range of ages, genders and races.



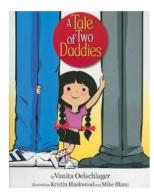
Herstory by Katherine Halligan.

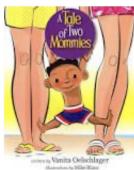
50 Women and Girls who Shook Up the World. In this uplifting and inspiring book, follow the stories of fifty powerhouse women from around the world. Telling the stories of their childhood, the challenges they faced, and the impact of their achievements. These women are sure to motivate young readers of all backgrounds to focus not on the can'ts and shouldn'ts, but on what they can do: anything!



A Family is a Family is a Family by Sara

O'Leary. Children think about what makes their family special. The answers are all different in many ways - but the same in the one way that matters most of all. One by one, the classmates describe who they live with and who loves them - family of every shape, size and every kind of relation.





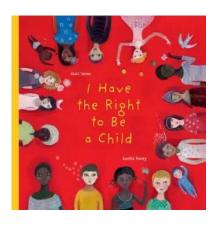
A Tale of Two Daddies and A Tale of Two Mommies by Vanita Oelschalager.

Provides a platform to discuss diverse families. Intended for 4 - 8 year olds, this book introduces a type of family increasing visible in modern society. Neither favoring nor condemning, it reflects a child's practical look at the adults who nurture and care for them. (non specific enough to include the context of a dad/step dad or mom/stepmom)



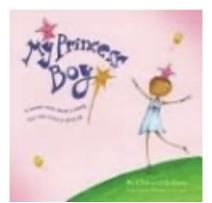
Jacob's New Dress by Sarah and Ian Hoffman.

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 to school. Can he convince his parents to let him wear what he wants? This heartwarming story speaks to the unique challenge faced by some students who don't identify with traditional gender stereotypes.



I Have the Right to be a Child by Alain Serres.

A young child describes what it means to have rights and how these rights belong to every child on the planet. The right to food, water and shelter, the right to go to school, to be free from violence, to breathe clean air, and more. It also makes evident that knowing and talking about these rights are the first steps toward making sure that they are respected.



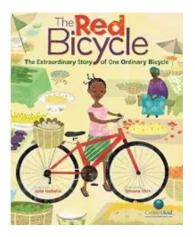
My Princess Boy by Cheryl Kilodavis.

A mom's story about a young boy who loves to dress up. With words and illustrations even the youngest of children can understand, this nonfiction picture book tells the tale of a 4 year old boy who expresses his authentic self by dressing up with anything pink or sparkly.



On the Playground - Our First Talk About Prejudice by Dr. Jillian Roberts.

A Comprehensive introduction to the topic of prejudice and a handy resource for discussing bullying. Crafted around a narrative between a grade school aged child and an adult, this inquiry focused book will help children shape their understanding of diversity so they are better prepared to understand and question prejudice witnessed around them in their day to day lives.



The Red Bicycle b y Jude Isabella.

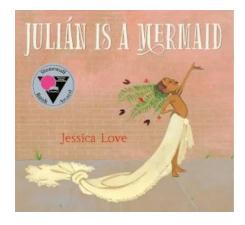
The Extraordinary Story of One Ordinary Bicycle and a child's desire to make a difference.

The main character is a bicycle that starts its life like so many bicycles in North America, being owned and ridden by a young boy. The boy eventually outgrows his bicycle and this is where the bicycle is sent to West Africa. There it finds a new home and a new purpose.



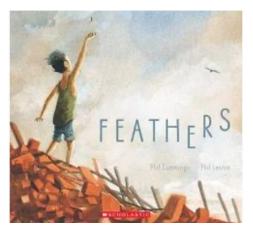
Pink is For Boys by Robb Pearlman.

Every color is for everyone! This book rethinks and reframes the stereotypical blue/pink and empowers kids to express themselves in every color of the rainbow. It invites children to enjoy what they love to do and learn and identify the myriad colors that surround them every day.



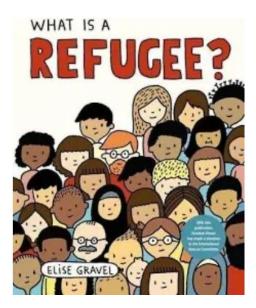
Julian is a Mermaid by Jessica Love.

A radiant celebration of individuality and a triumphant win for unconditional love. While riding the subway home from the pool with his abuela one day, Julian notices three women spectacularly dressed up. When Julian gets home, all he can think about is dressing up just like the ladies in his own fabulous mermaid costume. But what will Abuela think about the mess he makes, and how will she think about how Julian sees himself.



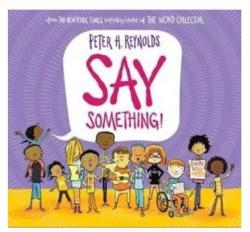
Feathers by Phil Cummings.

Follow the feathers as they fall along a journey of heartache, hope and home. It is time for the sandpiper journey to its winter home, half a world away. Along the arduous journey, it loses a feather which floats down and provides a glimmer of softness and beauty for the children whose lives are struck by world tragedies.



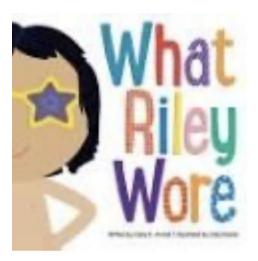
What is a Refugee? By Elise Gravel

An accessible picture **book** that oh-so-simply and graphically introduces the term "**refugee**" to curious young **children** to help them better understand the world in which they live.



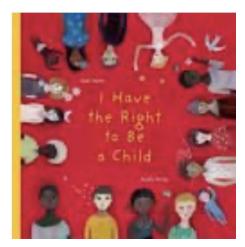
SaySomething!B yPeterH.Reynolds

This empowering new picture book explores the many ways that a single voice can make a difference. Each of us, each and every day, have the chance to **say something**: with our actions, our words, and our voices. Perfect for kid activists everywhere, this timely story reminds readers of the undeniable importance and power of their voice.



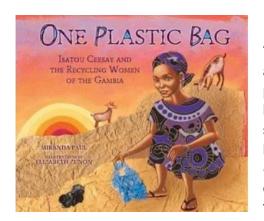
What Riley Wore by Elana K. Arnold

Gender-creative Riley knows just what to wear for every occasion during a busy week with family and friends. Riley wears whatever clothes feel right each day. This charming picture book is a gentle exploration of self-expression and source of encouragement for being true to oneself despite the expectations of others.



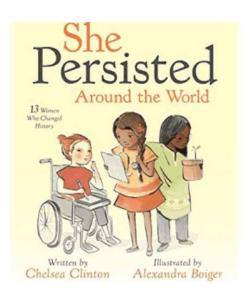
I Have the Right to be a Child by Alain Serres

A picture book based on the Convention on the Rights of the Child, the 1989 document written by the UN. Each page is based on a different article from the Convention. Topics include food and water, housing, gender, race, poverty and war.



One Plastic Bag by Miranda Paul

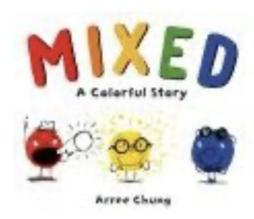
The inspiring true story of how one African woman began a movement to recycle the plastic bags that were polluting her community. But what happens when a bag breaks or is no longer needed? In Njau, Gambia, people simply dropped the bags and went on their way. The bags accumulated in ugly heaps alongside roads. Something had to change. Isatou Ceesay was that change. She found a way to recycle the bags and transform her community.



She Persisted Around the World by

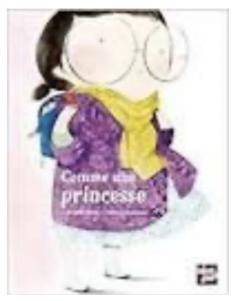
Chelsea Clinton. Also available in French

Women around the world have long dreamed big, even when they've been told their dreams didn't matter. They've spoken out, risen up and fought for what's right, even when they've been told to be quiet. Whether in science, the arts, sports or activism, women and girls throughout history have been determined to break barriers and change the status quo. 13 Women Who Changed History.



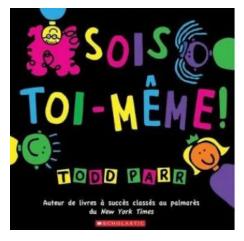
Mixed A Colorful Story by Arree Chung Also available in French

In the beginning, there were three colors . . . Reds, Yellows, and Blues. All special in their own ways, all living in harmony. When the colors decide to separate, is there anyting that can change their minds? A Yellow, a Blue, and a never-before-seen color might just save the day in this inspiring book about color, tolerance, and embracing differences.



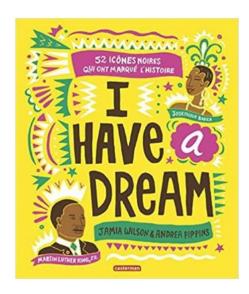
Comme une Princesse by Brigitte Minne

Marie trouve qu'elle ne ressemble pas à une princesse mais son papa n'est pas d'accord. Au cours d'une belle journée entre père et fille, il va lui montrer que toutes les filles sont des princesses : la coiffeuse aux doigts d'or malgré un bec-de-lièvre, la pâtissière talentueuse bien qu'enrobée, la très vieille dame aux yeux de son mari... Un album délicat sur l'amour paternel et l'acceptation de soi.



Sois Toi-Meme by Todd Parr

Certains ont tendance à l'oublier, mais ce sont les caractéristiques et traits uniques d'une personne qui la rendent si spéciale! Qui de mieux que Todd Parr pour faire ce rappel important aux jeunes de demain? Avec son style à la fois incomparable et familier, Parr encourage les lecteurs à accepter et à apprécier leurs qualités singulières.



I Have a Dream 52 icones Noires qui ont Marque l'Histoire by Jamia Wilson and Andrea Pippins

Martin Luther King, Joséphine Baker, Nelson Mandela, Nina Simone, Pelé, Yannick Noah,

Beyoncé... Ils ont en commun d'être Noirs et d'avoir marqué le cours de l'Histoire. D'avoir cru en leurs rêves d'enfant. D'avoir fait avancer la lutte pour les droits des Noirs vers plus d'égalité. Retrouve dans ce livre 52 icônes noires d'hier et d'aujourd'hui : des femmes, des hommes, des ARTISTES, des SPORTIFS, des SCIENTIFIQUES,

des MILITANTS, des GENIES, des LEGENDES... qui sont autant de modèles, de sources d'inspiration pour les jeunes générations. Pour que chacun puisse croire en ses propres rêves... quels qu'ils soient!



NEW!

We are Water Protectors by Carole Lindstrom

Inspired by the many Indigenous-led movements across
North America, this book issues an urgent rallying cry to
safeguard the Earth's water from harm and corruption.

Water is the first medicine. It affects and connects us all....

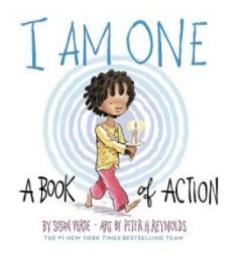
When a black snake threatens to destroy the Earth and
poison her people's water, one young water protector takes

a stand to defend Earth's most sacred resource.

Due to the reference of pipelines as the black snake, teacher may wish to preview this ahead of time. Read Aloud: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N-zPU4iSpco

Activity guide to go along with the book.

https://images.macmillan.com/folio-assets/activity-guides/9781250203557AG.pdf



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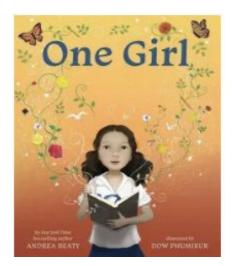
I am One - A book of Action by Susan Verde

Discover the power of activism! One seed to start a garden, one note to start a melody, one brick to start breaking down walls: Every movement and moment of change starts with purpose, with intention, with one. With me. With you.

Includes a mindfulness guided meditation.

Read Aloud:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XRy2h07Jyv0



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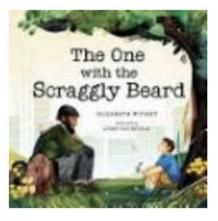
One Girl by Andrea Beaty

Inspired by the global movement to empower girls through education, this lyrical story tells of one small girl who reads a book that lights a spark. She shares what she learns with her class, and the spark grows. The girl is then moved to write her own story, which she shares with girls around the globe, and it ignites a spark in them, lighting up the whole world.

Connects to United Nations Girls' Education Initiative

http://www.ungei.org/

Read Aloud: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aJLsJaDZ8xk



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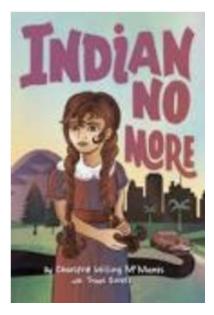
The One with the Scraggly Beard by Elizabeth Withey

A child tries to understand the life of a man he has seen sleeping under a bridge. The boy's mother answers his questions and explains how people's life paths can be so different. A child's curiosity act as catalysts for understanding fear, suffering and resilience while exploring themes of

homelessness, belonging and compassion.

Author's explanation of the book https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZLIflOUHaMo
Discussion questions:

http://www.orcabook.com/assets/PDFs/Guides/theonewiththescragglybeard.pdf



NEW!

Indian No More by Charlene Willing McMais and Traci Sorell

Regina Petit's family has always been Umpqua and living on the Grande Ronde reservation is all the ten year has ever known. When the federal government signs a bill into law that says Regina's trive no longer exists, she becomes "Indian no more". She still lives with her tribes, practices her customs and her ancestors were Indian for countless generations. With no good jobs available in Oregon, Regina's father signs the family up for the Indian Relocation program and moves them to Los Angeles. She finds a whole new world in her neighborhood and comes face to face with racism and the struggles without their tribal community and land. In this moving middle-grade novel

drawing upon the author's own history from 1957, Regina must find out: Who she is and will her family be okay.

* Some cautionary notes and Canadian references written into the book around racially charged language and American historical perspectives.

This year's choice for upper elementary for Global Read Aloud. https://theglobalreadaloud.com/2020/03/30/global-read-aloud-choices-2020-gra20/ Teacher's Guide:

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