WELCOME WEEK SERVICE DAY STORYTIME BOOK LIST
2nd-3rd Grade Level
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FOCUS ON DIVERSITY, INCLUSION, and DIFFERENCES

*Best Friend on Wheels*, Shirley, Debra; 2008
- Disability, differences, child who uses a wheelchair

*Erik the Red Sees Green: a Story about Color Blindness*, Anderson, Julie; 2013
- Differences, disability, color blindness

*Going Down Home with Daddy*, Lyons, Kelly Starling, 2019
- Diversity, history, culture, Black experience

*Imagine*, Herrera, Juan Felipe; 2018
- Latinx, multi-cultural, inspirational, biography, poetry

*It's Okay to be a Unicorn!*, Tharp, Jason; 2020
- Differences, stereotypes, subtle play at racism

*Moses Goes to School*, Millman, Isaac; 2000
- Disability, differences, deafness

*My Hair is a Garden*, Cabrera, Cozbi; 2018
- Race, identity, self-acceptance

*On the Playground: Our First Talk About Prejudice*, Roberts, Jillian; 2019
- Race, racism, prejudice, differences, identity

*A Plan for Pops*, Smith, Heather and Brooke Kerrigan; 2019
- Differences, seniors/senior care, LGBTQ+ families

*Thirteen Ways of Looking at a Black Boy*, Medina, Tony; 2018
- Race, racism, identity

*The Undefeated*, Alexander, Kwame; illustrated by Kadir Nelson; 2019
- Civil Rights, historical figures, Black Americans

*We Rise, We Resist, We Raise Our Voices*, edited by Wade Hudson and Cheryl Wells Hudson; 2018
- Short stories, poems, essays, and reflections on race and identity (picking 2-3 works to read at a time could make a single video)

*What Makes Us Unique?*, Roberts, Jillian; 2016
- Differences. diversity

*What Zeesie Saw on Delancey Street*, Rael, Elsa Okon; 1996
  - Diversity, multi-cultural

**FOCUS ON IMMIGRATION**

*Islandborn*, Díaz, Junot; 2018
  - Immigration, Dominican Americans, family life
  - This same book is also available entirely in Spanish under the title *Lola* and can be found [here](#).

*Mustafa*, Gay, Marie-Louise; 2018
  - Immigration stories, language, belonging

*My Name is Yoon*, Recorvits, Helen; 2003
  - Immigration stories, English as a second language, Asian Americans

*My Two Blankets*, Kobald, Irena; 2015
  - Refugees, immigration, homesickness, belonging, language

*A Path of Stars, O'Brien*, Anne Sibley; 2012
  - Refugees, immigration stories, Asian Americans, grief

**FOCUS ON PERSONAL QUALITIES AND BEHAVIOR**

*A Bad Case of Stripes*, Shannon, David; 1998
  - Identity, being yourself

*I'm Gonna Push Through!,* Wright, Jasmyn; 2020
  - Resiliency, perseverance, differences, diversity

*Magnificent Homespun Brown*, Doyon, Samara Cole; 2020
  - Self-esteem, self-confidence, self-acceptance, self-image, diversity, skin color, Black Girl Magic

*Mr. Lincoln’s Way*, Polacco, Patricia; 2001
  - Diversity, racism, bullying, stereotypes

*Red: A Crayon’s Story*, Hall, Michael; 2015
  - Self-identity, being yourself, knowing yourself

*Somebody Loves You, Mr. Hatch*, Spinelli, Eileen; 1991
  - Community, welcoming, compassion, kindness

*What if Everybody Did That?*, Javernick, Ellen; 2010
- Respect, responsibility, consequences

*What if Everybody Said That?*, Javernick, Ellen; 2018  
- Respect, bullying, differences

*What if Everybody Thought That?*, Javernick, Ellen; 2019  
- Respect, bullying, differences, stereotypes

**FOCUS ON MULTICULTURAL FOLKLORE**  
*Doña Flor: a Tall Tale About a Giant Woman with a Great Big Heart*, Mora, Pat. 2005  
- Folklore, Latinx, tall tale/legend

*John Henry*, Lester, Julius; 1994  
- Folklore, legends, stories, Black voices

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**Dr. Liz Mason’s Kid-Tested, Mother-Approved Book List**  
*A little science, some colors, numbers, letters, compassion, kindness, humanity, and frivolity!*

- Exclamation Mark: Amy Krause Rosenthal  
- Ira Sleeps Over: Barnard Waber  
- Dylan the Villain: K. G. Campbell  
- The Bad Seed: Jory John  
- The Day the Crayons Quit: Oliver Jeffries  
- The Day the Crayons Came Home: Oliver Jeffries  
- Miss Nelson is Missing: James Marshall  
- The Dark: Lemony Snicket  
- The Book With No Pictures: B. J. Novak  
- Pete the Cat: I Love My New Shoes: Kimberly and James Dean  
- Pete the Car: My Four Groovy Buttons: Kimberly and James Dean  
- Is There Really a Human Race: Jamie Lee Curtis  
- Swimmie: Leo Leoni  
- A Chair for My Mother: Vera B. Williams  
- Alan’s Big Scary Teeth: Jarvis  
- Goodnight Already!: Jory John  
- Press Here: Herve Tullet  
- Corduroy: Don Freeman  
- Zero: Kathryn Otoshi  
- One: Kathryn Otoshi  
- Two: Kathryn Otoshi  
- Stop that Pickle: Peter Armour  
- Ralph Tells a Story: Abby Hanlon  
- Little Bird’s Bad Word: Jacob Grant
- I Am Small: Emma Dodd
- The Sleepy Little Alphabet: Judy Sierra
- 1 2 3 Peas: Keith Baker
- The True Story of the Three Little Pigs: Jon Scieszka
- The Paper Bag Princess: Robert Munsch
- Wumbers: Amy Krause Rosenthal
- Little Blue and Little Yellow: Leo Leoni
- Click, Clack, Moo: Cows that Type: Doreen Cronin
- Harold and the Purple Crayon: Crockett Johnson
- Casey Back at Bat: Dan Gutman
- I Love You Already, Jory John
- A Color of His Own: Leo Leoni
- Mix it Up: Herve Tullet
- A Perfectly Messed Up Story: Patrick McDonnell
- What Do You Do With an Idea?: Kobe Yamada
- Harry the Dirty Dog: Gene Zion
- Last Stop on Market Street: Matt de la Peña
- Inch by Inch: Leo Leoni
- I Dare You Not to Yawn: Hélène Boudreau
- Bread and Jam for Francis: Russell Hoban
- Knufflebubby: Mo Willems
- Knufflebunny Too: Mo Willems
- Knufflebunny Free: Mo Willems
- The Dot: Peter Reynolds
- Ish: Peter Reynolds
- My Dad Thinks He’s Funny: Katrina Germein
- Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs: Judi Barrett
- Mr. Brown Can Moo! Can You?: Dr. Sues
- There’s No Place Like Space: Tish Rabe
- And to Think that I Saw it on Mulberry Street: Dr. Suess
- The Pout-Pout Fish: Deborah Diesen
- We Are In a Book: Mo Willems
- The Cool Bean: Jory John
- The Good Egg: Jory John
- Each Kindness: Jacqueline Woodson
- The Snowy Day: Ezra Jack Keats
- The Giving Tree: Shel Silverstein
- Joseph Had a Little Overcoat: Simms Tabek
- Where the Wild Things Are: Maurice Sendak
- The Hug Machine: Scott Campbell
- Wild About Books: Judy Sierra
- The Rainbow Fish: Marcus Pfizer
- Hap-pea All Year: Keith Baker
- L M N O Peas: Keith Baker