Books to Borrow from Your Library

Friendship:
- Best Friends by Allison Davis – Sharing Friends
- I Have a Friend by Michaela Muntean – Friendship
- No Girls Allowed by Stan and Jan Berenstain – Good Sportsmanship, Social Skills, Making and Keeping Friends
- Trouble with Friends by Stan and Jan Berenstain – Making and Keeping Friends, Conflict Resolution, Social Skills
- Rotten Ralph’s Trick or Treat by Jack Gantos – Friendship, Social Skills
- The English Roses by Madonna – Jealousy, Social Skills, Empathy
- A Friend for Frances (Care Bears) by Geoffrey Wills – Making Friends
- George and Martha; One Fine Day by James Marshall – Five stories about friendship
- The Very Best of Friends by Margaret Wild – Death of a friend, friendship
- Do Like Kyla by Angela Johnson – Family relations, patience with others, friendship
- Will I Have a Friend? by Miriam Cohen – Making friends, Kindergarten
- Best Friends by Miriam Cohen – Making friends
- Some Things Are Different, Some Things Are the Same by Marya Dantzer-Rosenthal – Friendship, accepting differences in others
- A Visitor for Bear by Bonny Becker – Friendship
- Frog in the Middle by Suzanna Gretz – friendship
- The Rainbow Fish by Marcus Pfister – friendship, sharing, others feelings
- The Giving Tree by Shel Silverstein – friendship, others feelings

School Issues:
- Will I Have a Friend? by Miriam Cohen – Making friends, Kindergarten
- A Place Called Kindergarten by Jessica Harper – Kindergarten
- Trouble at School by Stan & Jan Berenstain – School Problems, Dealing with Problems
- Don’t Eat the Teacher! by Nick Ward – Impulse/Self Control
- David Goes to School by David Shannon – Self control, Kindergarten
- Inch & Miles; The Journey to Success by Coach John Wooden – success, accomplishing your goals
- Once Upon an Ordinary School Day by Colin McNaughton – breaking the mold, uniqueness, different perspectives

Grief/Loss:

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Nadia the Willful by Sue Alexander – Death of a brother
Everett Anderson’s Goodbye by Lucille Clifton – Death of a father
Everett Anderson’s 1-2-3 by Lucille Clifton – Accepting a new father
The Tub People by Pam Conrad – Fear of Loss, Reunification
Goodbye, Rune by Marit Kaldhol – Death of a friend
Annie and the Old One by Miska Miles – Death of a Grandmother
Badger’s Parting Gifts by Susan Varley – grief

Feelings:
Grover’s Bad, Awful Day by Anna H. Dickson – Dealing with Bad Feelings
My Many Colored Days by Dr. Seuss – Feelings
Daddy is a Monster… Sometimes by John Steptoe – Family relations, identifying feelings
William’s Doll by Charlotte Zolotow – It’s okay to be different, accepting your feelings
Stevie by John Steptoe – Identifying feelings, accepting others who are different
Willie’s Not the Hugging Kind by Joyce Barrett – Giving and receiving affections, peer pressure, identifying one’s own needs
Nathaniel Talking by Eloise Greenfield – Emotions, self-esteem, empathy
Alexander and the Terrible, No Good, Very Bad Day by Judith Viorst – anger management, feelings
Feelings by Aliki – feelings
Today I Feel Silly & Other Moods That Make My Day by Jamie Lee Curtis – feelings
The Feelings Book by Todd Parr – feelings
Chrysanthemum by Kevin Henkes – feelings, bullying, uniqueness
The Rainbow Fish by Marcus Pfister – friendship, sharing, others feelings
The Giving Tree by Shel Silverstein – friendship, others feelings

Fear/Facing Fears/Courage:
The Sneetches and Other Stories by Dr. Seuss: “What Was I Scared Of?” – Other People’s Perspectives, Facing your Fears
Brave Little Monster by Ken Baker – Facing your Fears
The Shark Who Was Afraid of Everything by Brian James – Facing your Fears
Bimwili & the Simwi by Verna Aardema – Finding Courage
Darkness and the Butterfly by Ann Grifalconi – Conquering your Fears
My Mama Says There Aren’t Any Zombies, Ghosts, Vampires, Creatures, Demons, Monsters, Fiends, Goblins, or Things by Judith Viorst – Facing your fears
Alfie Gives a Hand by Shirley Hughes – Security objects
Learn About Strangers by Stan and Jan Berenstain – Stranger Awareness
Bear Feels Scared by Karma Wilson – facing your fear
Move Over, Twerp by Martha Alexander – getting along with others, standing up to a bully
Truth:
- Everyone Makes Mistakes by Emily Perl Kingsley – Telling the Truth, Personal Responsibility
- The Truth by Stan & Jan Berenstain – Telling the Truth
- The True Story of the 3 Little Pigs by Jon Scieszka – Different Perspectives, truth telling
- Jamaica’s Find by Juanita Haviii – The Truth
- Mr. Peabody’s Apples by Madonna – rumors

Uniqueness/Independence:
- On the Day You Were Born by Debra Frasier – Unique You
- The Porcelain Man by Richard Kennedy – Finding Independence
- Bearhead: A Russian Folktale by Eric Kimmel – Finding your own path
- Working Cotton by Shirley Williams – Finding happiness, making the best of your situation
- A Bad Case of Stripes by David Shannon – self esteem, individuality
- A Visitor for Bear by Bonny Becker - Friendship
- The Little Matador by Julian Hector – Being true to yourself
- The Knight and the Dragon by Tomi dePaola – being true to yourself
- Chrysanthemum by Kevin Henkes – feelings, bullying, uniqueness
- The Copy Cat Fish by Gail Donovan – self confidence, being yourself
- The Magically Mysterious Adventures of Noelle the Bulldog by Gloria Estefan – uniqueness and self confidence
- Is Your Mama a Llama? By Deborah Guarino – differences
- Once Upon an Ordinary School Day by Colin McNaughton – breaking the mold, uniqueness, different perspectives

Peer Pressure:
- Double Dare by Stan & Jan Berenstain – Peer Pressure, Making Good Decisions
- Willie’s Not the Hugging Kind by Joyce Barrett – Giving and receiving affections, peer pressure, identifying one’s own needs

Social Skills:
- Forget Their Manners by Stan & Jan Berenstain – Social Skills (manners)
- Old Henry by Joan Bios – Learning to live together, differences
- Osa’s Pride by Ann Grifalconi – Learning to handle pride
- No Girls Allowed by Stan and Jan Berenstain – Good Sportsmanship, Social Skills, Making and Keeping Friends
- Trouble with Friends by Stan and Jan Berenstain – Making and Keeping Friends, Conflict Resolution, Social Skills
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- The English Roses by Madonna – Jealousy, Social Skills, Empathy
- **The Flyaway Girl** by Ann Grifalconi – Accepting Responsibility
- **Worm Gets a Job** by Kathy Caple – Responsibility, Thinking Outside the Box
- **I'm Calling Molly** by Jane Kurtz – Being left out, Being on your own
- **Stone Soup** by Marcia Brown – getting along with others
- **David Gets in Trouble** by David Shannon – self control, personal responsibility
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**Self Esteem/Self Confidence/Self Acceptance:**
- **The Sneetches and Other Stories** by Dr. Seuss: “The Sneetches” – Self Confidence
- **All by Myself** by Mercer Mayer – Confidence (small children)
- **A Color of His Own** by Leo Lionni – Self Esteem, Being Happy with Yourself
- **Ruby in Her Own Time** by Jonathan Emmett – Self Acceptance
- **Giraffes Can’t Dance** by Giles Andreae – Self Confidence
- **Judy and the Volcano** by Wayne Harris – Self Confidence
- **Nathaniel Talking** by Eloise Greenfield – Emotions, self-esteem, empathy
- **Rosa Parks** by Eloise Greenfield – Positive self concept, facing consequences
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**Small Children/Kindergarten:**
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- **Alfie Gives a Hand** by Shirley Hughes – Security objects
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- **David Goes to School** by David Shannon – Self control, Kindergarten
- **Best Behavior Series** – Boardbooks by Elizabeth Verdick
  - **Teeth Are Not for Biting** – anger management, conflict resolution
  - **Feet Are Not for Kicking** – anger management, conflict resolution
  - **Words Are Not for Hurting** – anger management, conflict resolution
  - **Hands Are Not for Hitting** – anger management, conflict resolution
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Accepting Differences/Empathy:
- The Sneetches and Other Stories by Dr. Seuss: “What Was I Scared Of?” – Other People’s Perspectives, Facing your Fears
- How Many Days to American by Eve Bunting – Empathy, Immigrant Story
- The Talking Eggs by Robert San Souci – Respecting others differences
- The English Roses by Madonna – Jealousy, Social Skills, Empathy
- Some Things Are Different, Some Things Are the Same by Marya Dantzer-Rosenthal – Friendship, accepting differences in others
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- Stone Soup by Marcia Brown – getting along with others
- No Red Monsters Allowed! by Liza Alexander – accepting differences
- A Birthday Basket for Tia by Pat Mora – thinking of others
- Edward the “Crazy Man” by Marie Day – mental illness, accepting others

Conflict Resolution/Anger Management:
- The Sneetches and Other Stories by Dr. Seuss: “The Zax” – Importance of Compromise
- Get in a Fight by Stan and Jan Berenstain – Conflict Resolution
- Dad Gummit and Ma Foot by Karen Waggoner – Reconciliation
- I’m Calling Molly by Jane Kurtz – Being left out, Being on your own
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- When Sophie Gets Angry – Really Really Angry by Molly Bang – anger
- That Makes Me Angry! by Anthony Best – anger management
- Is It Right to Fight? by Pat Thomas – anger management, social responsibility
- Lilly’s Purple Plastic Purse by Kevin Henkes – anger (humorous)
- I’m Furious by Elizabeth Crary – anger / choose your own ending format
- How to Take the Grrr Out of Anger by Elizabeth Verdick & Marjorie Lisovskis – anger management, better communication
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