

## Dear Educator,

The Byron V. Garrett Life and Literacy Skills Library offers books for PreK to Grade 5. For each grade, the library features lively, appealing books perfect for read-alouds, paired reading, and independent reading that have been selected because they demonstrate the importance of key life skills. These library books have been categorized into five distinct themes, with an additional take-home book that encompasses all themes.

Your Grade 1 Library includes: 1 Take-Home/Whole-Class title per grade, 31 copies of each, and 20 high-interest trade books, 2 copies of each.

## Take-Home Book



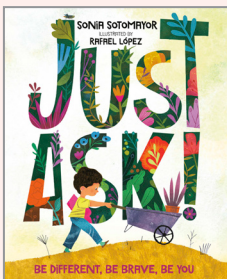
### Jabari Tries

written and illustrated by Gaia Cornwall

Jabari is determined to build a fantastic machine that can fly across the whole backyard. He insists he can do it alone. But when his machine crashes and Jabari gets frustrated, his father teaches him ways to calm down and refocus. He also suggests Jabari tries working with a partner: his little sister, Nika. *Jabari Tries* is a gentle story about keeping calm in the face of a problem, and the good things that can happen when people work together. This book relates to all five library themes and is supported by both a Read-Aloud Lesson resource for teachers to use in the classroom as well as a Read Together resource for families to share with children at home.

**Talk About It:** What special advice does Jabari's father give him?

## Understanding Myself

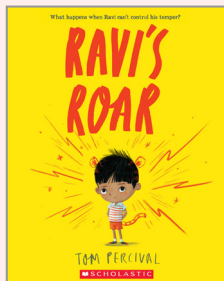


### Just Ask!: Be Different, Be Brave, Be You

written by Sonia Sotomayor and illustrated by Rafael López

In this vibrant picture book, Sonia Sotomayor uses her lived experience with juvenile diabetes to teach readers about people with chronic illnesses and disabilities. As the characters introduce themselves while they work together in a garden, they share some of the things that are unique to their own experiences. As Sonia Sotomayor shares, "Each of us grows in our own way," and this book celebrates that.

**Talk About it:** Why is it important to learn about the people around you? What's something important you want people to know about you?



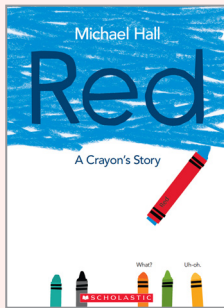
### Ravi's Roar

written and illustrated by Tom Percival

Ravi is known for being small in his family, and he doesn't mind one bit—that is until he can't reach the monkey bars or go on the slide. Then Ravi becomes a tiger! Tigers can do anything that the regular Ravi can't. But will people want to do things with him now that he's a tiger? Ravi must learn about his own feelings and abilities.

**Talk About It:** How does becoming a tiger make Ravi feel? How does that change by the end of the book? Why is it better for Ravi to not become a tiger?

## Understanding Myself *continued*



### Red: A Crayon's Story

written and illustrated by Michael Hall

Even though Red is called Red and has a red label, he is actually a blue crayon. His family, teachers, and friends try to help him act like “red,” but nothing seems to work. Red just cannot be red. It’s only after he accepts that he’s blue that he learns the value of being true to who he is.

**Talk About It:** Why do you think Red tries so hard to be red instead of what he is: blue? What would you do if people expected you to be completely different from who you are?



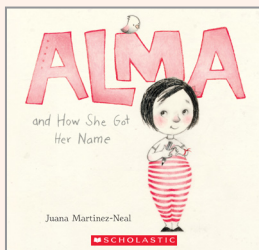
### The Greatest Adventure

written and illustrated by Tony Piedra

Eliot imagines sailing wild rivers and discovering giant beasts, right on his street! But he wishes his adventures were real. Eliot’s grandpa, El Capitán, once steered his own ship through dangerous seas to far-off lands. Now his ship is no longer seaworthy. Eliot and El Capitán tap into their own creativity to find new adventures they can share. Tony Piedra’s illustrations add both humor and excitement to this clever story.

**Talk About It:** Why do you think Eliot wants adventure so much? How might spending time with his grandfather feel like a whole new, real adventure?

## Managing Myself



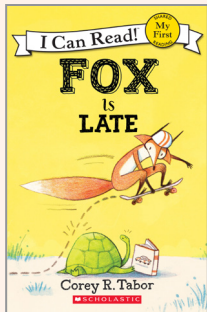
### Alma and How She Got Her Name

written and illustrated by Juana Martinez-Neal

Alma Sofia Esperanza José Pura Candela tells her dad that she thinks her name is much too long. He responds by explaining the significance of each of her names, linking them to specific and special family members who came before her. Along the way, Alma develops a stronger sense of herself and an interest in where and who she came from, and she delights in the stories of the many people her name carries. Now it’s up to her to create her own story!

**Talk About It:** What have you learned from Alma about being proud of who you are? What does it mean to create your own story?

## Managing Myself continued

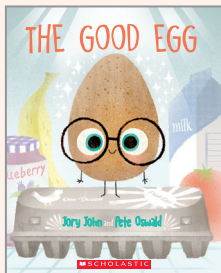


### Fox Is Late

written and illustrated by Corey R. Tabor

Fox is late! But what is he late for? And why is he zooming everywhere on his skateboard doing fancy tricks? Despite the animals chasing him, Fox remains cool under pressure and organizes a wonderful lunch for his animal friends.

**Talk About It:** Fox has a plan. What does he expect his friends to do?

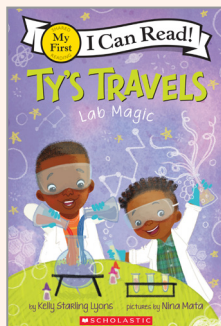


### The Good Egg

written by Jory John and illustrated by Pete Oswald

The good egg is very kind and considerate, and is always willing to help. This becomes more difficult when all the other eggs around him aren't as good. In trying to be perfect while also trying to change the other eggs, the good egg has gotten cracks in his shell! He must learn that it's okay to not be perfect, and that taking care of yourself is a part of being a good egg.

**Talk About It:** Why do you think the good egg is finally able to play and spend time with the other eggs without getting upset?



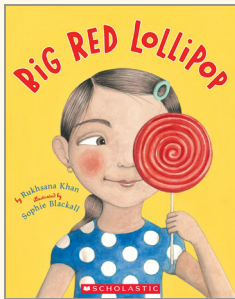
### Ty's Travels: Lab Magic

written by Kelly Starling Lyons and illustrated by Niña Mata

Ty and his brother Corey love participating in the science experiments at the museum. But this time, Ty is too little to participate in the experiment. Ty and Corey learn that there are more things than just the experiments to take part in at the museum, and that these other activities can be just as exciting.

**Talk About It:** Why do you think Corey is happy to give up going to the science lab in order to spend time with Ty doing things they both can do?

## Respecting Others



### Big Red Lollipop

written by Rukhsana Khan and illustrated by Sophie Blackall

When Rubina is invited to a party, she is forced to take Sana, her little sister. Sana ruins any chance of Rubina getting invited out again. She also eats Rubina's lollipop from the party! When it's Sana's turn to be forced to take a younger sibling, Rubina must make a choice on whether or not she will allow Sana go through the same things she went through. This book showcases the importance of learning to extend empathy to others, even when it is not given to you.

**Talk About It:** Do you think Rubina handles her sister ruining the party and her lollipop well? How do you think you would have reacted if someone did that to you?

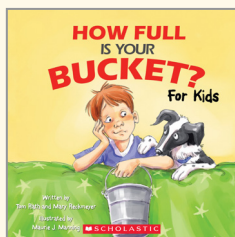


### Harlem Grown

written by Tony Hillery and illustrated by Jessie Hartland

In this story based on actual events, Nevaeh tells how Mr. Tony came to her city's school and helped the students turn a vacant lot into a beautiful and functional farm. Their first attempt failed, but they researched and tried again with new plants and new techniques. Eventually they turned the lot into something beautiful and useful while learning about healthy, sustainable eating and collaboration.

**Talk About It:** Mr. Tony is a leader, but the whole school works together to create the farm. How does Nevaeh feel about helping on the farm? How might working together with others help you feel like you are a part of something important?



### How Full Is Your Bucket? For Kids

written by Tom Rath and Mary Reckmeyer  
 and illustrated by Maurie J. Manning

When Felix is mean to his sister and won't let her play with him, his grandfather tells him that people have invisible buckets that get filled or drained when people are nice or mean. Now Felix thinks of his own bucket as well as how his actions affect other people's buckets.

**Talk About It:** Why do you think Felix only becomes aware of his bucket after he's told about it? How does Felix knowing about his bucket affect others around him?

## Respecting Others *continued*



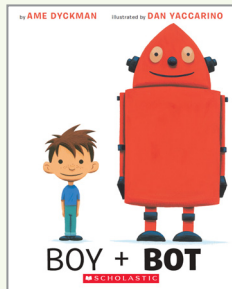
### I Am Respectful

written by Jenny Fretland VanVoorst

What does it mean to be respectful? How does someone show that they respect other people or themselves? Readers will find out what respect is, how to be respectful, and why it's important.

**Talk About It:** How does “treating others the way you want to be treated” help create better relationships with the people around you? What does being respectful look like to you?

## Building Relationships

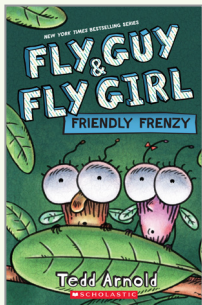


### Boy + Bot

written by Ame Dyckman and illustrated by Dan Yaccarino

Boy and Bot meet in the forest and immediately become friends. They play and spend time together until suddenly Bot switches off. Boy tries everything he can think of, but nothing works, and eventually he falls asleep—which is when Bot wakes up and sees Boy “shut down”! This hilarious book about a simple misunderstanding will have readers grinning from ear to ear.

**Talk About It:** How did Boy try to take care of Bot? How did Bot try to take care of Boy? What kinds of things do you and your friends do to try to help each other?



### Friendly Frenzy

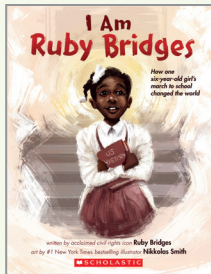
written and illustrated by Tedd Arnold

Friends Buzz and Liz meet in the park with their pets, Fly Guy and Fly Girl. But when they meet a new kid named Carlos and his pet lizard, Annie, Fly Guy and Fly Girl go missing. Where could they have gone?

**Talk About It:** How do Fly Guy and Fly Girl work together to keep Annie from eating them?



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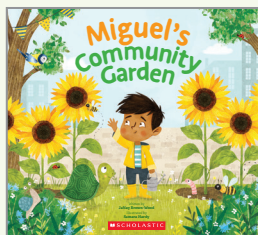


### I Am Ruby Bridges

written by Ruby Bridges and illustrated by Nikkolos Smith

Ruby Bridges tells her own story and recounts what it was like being the first and only Black child in her elementary school. This inspiring true story will teach readers the importance of forming good relationships and treating people with kindness.

**Talk About It:** Why is it important to Ruby that she is the first? Why is she excited for more children to come after her?



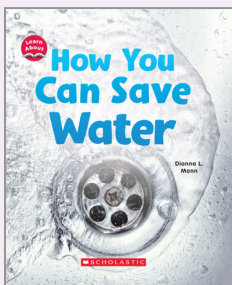
### Miguel's Community Garden

written by JaNay Brown-Wood and illustrated by Samara Hardy

Miguel needs sunflowers for his community garden celebration, but he doesn't know where to find them. What do sunflowers look like? Where do they grow? In this informational book, Miguel learns about a variety of plants while problem-solving and seeking assistance from the members of his community.

**Talk About It:** Why do you think it's fun for Miguel and his friends to have a party in the garden? If you were going to have a party, what would you do to make it fun for your guests?

## Making Decisions

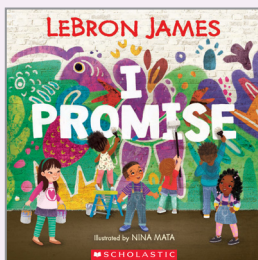


### How You Can Save Water

written by Dionna L. Mann

Have you ever thought about where the water you use from the faucet or shower goes when you're done with it? Where does the drain take all that water? How much water do we waste every day? Readers will find out what decisions they can make to save water and help others in need.

**Talk About It:** How do small decisions add up when it comes to saving water? Why is saving water so important?



### I Promise

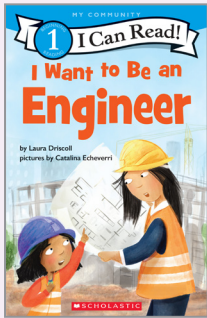
written by LeBron James and illustrated by Niña Mata

In this caring story from LeBron James, neighborhood kids vow to help each other and their community through kindness and dedication.

**Talk About It:** What is something you can promise to do to better yourself and your community? How do the promises in the book help the kids in the community?

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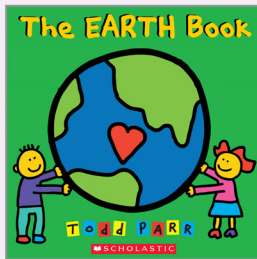


### I Want to Be an Engineer

written by Laura Driscoll and illustrated by Catalina Echeverri

When her older brother, Joe, goes to his engineering school, a young girl learns that there isn't just one type of engineer! There are engineers for rockets, for buildings, for wiring, and more! Now the girl must decide what kind of engineer, if any, that she wants to be.

**Talk About It:** Why do you think the girl chooses the type of engineering that she does? What does her decision say about what she enjoys doing the most?



### The Earth Book

written and illustrated by Todd Parr

In this fun-loving book with vibrant illustrations, Todd Parr introduces readers to the little things they can do to help the planet every day.

**Talk About It:** How does being kind to the planet benefit everyone? What decisions can you make to help the planet?