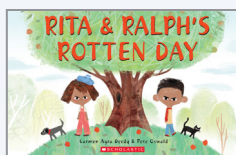


## Dear Educator,

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 PreK Library includes: 1 Take-Home/Whole-Class title per grade, 26 copies of each, and 20 high-interest trade books, 2 copies of each.

## Take-Home Book



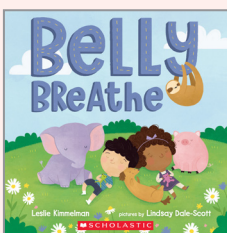
### Rita & Ralph's Rotten Day

written by Carmen Agra Deedy and illustrated by Pete Oswald

Rita and Ralph are the best of friends! But when something unexpected happens, their friendship is tested. *Rita & Ralph's Rotten Day* shows children how to navigate their friendships during conflict and what it takes to maintain healthy relationships through the book's rhythm, repetition, and text features. 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 do you like best about Rita and Ralph's friendship?

## Understanding Myself



### Belly Breathe

written by Leslie Kimmelman and illustrated by Lindsay Dale-Scott

In this whimsical picture book, children and animals demonstrate the technique of "belly breathing" to relax and calm down. With simple language and helpful illustrations, readers will be able to follow along with an introduction to this technique.

**Talk About It:** How do the pictures in the book teach you how to belly breathe? When would you want to use belly breathing?



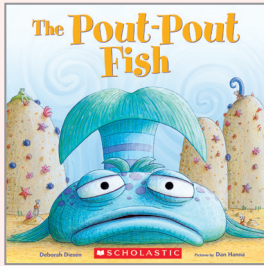
### My Heart Fills With Happiness/ Mi corazón se llena de alegría

written by Monique Gray Smith and illustrated by Julie Flett

This beautiful, bilingual picture book asks the question: "What fills your heart with happiness?" From singing, to listening to stories, to holding someone's hand—the book focuses on the simple joys that are worth reflecting on and cherishing.

**Talk About It:** What are some of the things that make the children in the book happy? What are some things that make you happy?

## Understanding Myself continued



### The Pout-Pout Fish

written by Deborah Diesen and illustrated by Dan Hanna

Mr. Fish is called “the pout-pout fish” because, he believes, his face is stuck in a permanent pout. His ocean friends ask him if he will give smiling a try. When an unexpected new friend gives Mr. Fish a surprise, his frown turns upside-down. This charming rhyming book reminds readers that spreading the “dreary wearies” can be temporary.

**Talk About It:** Who does Mr. Fish become once he stops pouting? What would your fish name be?



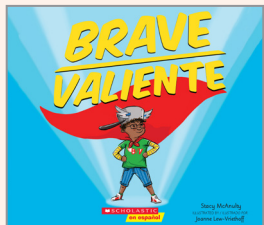
### Some Days

written by Karen Kaufman Orloff and illustrated by Ziyue Chen

Set over a year of seasons, this rhyming picture book follows a young boy and girl as they experience a variety of emotions, including joy, fear, jealousy, anger, loneliness, and contentment. *Some Days* is a moving book that explores shifting emotions in an engaging and accessible format.

**Talk About It:** Think about some of the kinds of days the children in the book have. What are some of your favorite kinds of days?

## Managing Myself

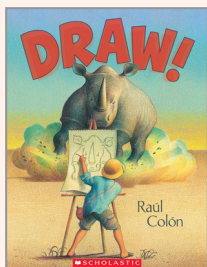


### Brave/Valiente

written by Stacy McAnulty and illustrated by Joanne Lew-Vriethoff

In this bilingual picture book, bravery is not just for superheroes! Bravery comes in many forms, and the author reminds readers that children show bravery every day by facing their fears, accomplishing a task, and standing up for something they believe is right.

**Talk About It:** What are some special ways the kids in the book show they are brave, even when they're scared or nervous?



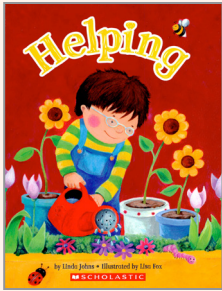
### Draw!

written and illustrated by Raúl Colón

In this wordless picture book, art and creativity are celebrated as Leonardo, alone in his room, begins to sketch a jungle and its animal inhabitants. Leonardo goes on an epic adventure with his animal friends, and he learns the power of his imagination.

**Talk About It:** Leonardo uses his imagination and goes on a big adventure. If you could go on an adventure with Leonardo, what would you do?

## Managing Myself continued

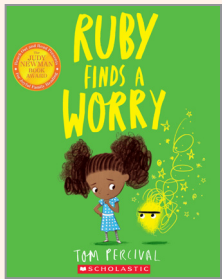


### Helping

written by Linda Johns and illustrated by Lisa Fox

A young boy demonstrates patience and initiative as he helps his family members with tasks at home and in the garden. This gentle picture book shows that helping others can be a satisfying and fulfilling act.

**Talk About It:** How does the boy in the book help his family members? How do you think he feels about being able to help them?



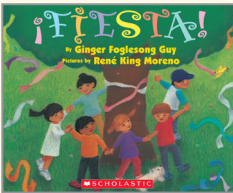
### Ruby Finds a Worry

written and illustrated by Tom Percival

Ruby is a curious and friendly young girl with one problem: every day she encounters a Worry. And every day, that Worry gets bigger, until it's hard to manage. But when Ruby makes a new friend, she comes to realize that everyone has worries, and there are ways that these worries can be managed.

**Talk About It:** How does Ruby learn to manage her Worry? What would you tell Ruby if she was your friend?

## Respecting Others

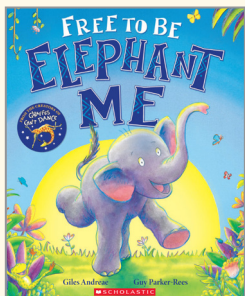


### ¡Fiesta!

written by Ginger Foglesong Guy and illustrated by René King Moreno

In this bilingual picture book, three children prepare for an upcoming party with a trip to the market. As they pick up decorations and toys, counting as they go, they ask, "Qué más? What else?" The party is a success for family and friends, and everyone celebrates with a piñata.

**Talk About It:** The children get ready for a fiesta! What do they do to make sure everyone has a nice time? Imagine that you got to go to the fiesta. What would be your favorite part?



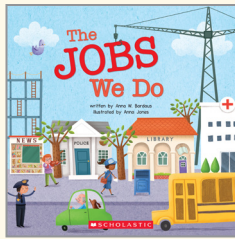
### Free To Be Elephant Me

written by Giles Andreae and illustrated by Guy Parker-Rees

King Elephant Mighty is watching over the Elephant Games. He challenges the young elephants to impress him, and in return he will give them Elephant Names. Nina becomes Elephant Strong, and Norcus becomes Elephant Noisy. What will Num-Num's Elephant Name be?

**Talk About It:** At first, King Elephant Mighty makes fun of Num-Num. What changes? Why?

## Respecting Others *continued*

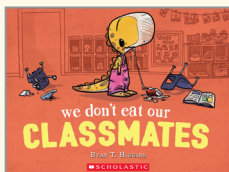


### The Jobs We Do

written by Anna W. Bardaus and illustrated by Anna Jones

In this colorful picture book, readers will discover all of the workers that live and work in a busy town, and come to respect the role each worker plays in the community.

**Talk About It:** At the end of the book, the kids have jobs, too! How can kids help people in their community?



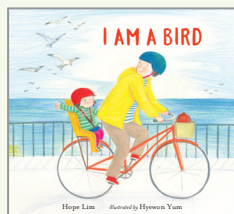
### We Don't Eat Our Classmates

written and illustrated by Ryan T. Higgins

Penelope Rex is nervous, but excited, to begin school. She can't wait to make new friends! But when she finds out those potential friends are children, she can't help it: She wants to snack! Penelope apologizes to her classmates, but she soon learns it's hard to make friends when those friends are scared of being eaten. When Penelope gets a taste of her own medicine, she learns the importance of empathy, following the rules, and respecting those around her.

**Talk About It:** How do Penelope's classmates treat Penelope once she starts helping them?

## Building Relationships



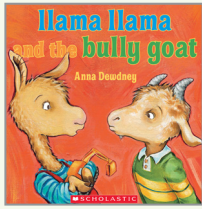
### I Am a Bird

written by Hope Lim and illustrated by Hyewon Yum

The young girl in *I Am a Bird* loves nothing more than going on bike rides with her father, when she pretends to be a bird. From her perch in her bike seat, she can pretend to fly! One morning, the girl sees an old woman carrying a bag, and she feels frightened. When the little girl finally learns about what the woman is carrying, she realizes that appearances can be deceiving, and often we can be more similar than we think.

**Talk About It:** It turns out that both the girl and the woman love birds! Do you think that they will say hello to each other the next time they meet? What else might they say to each other?

## Building Relationships continued

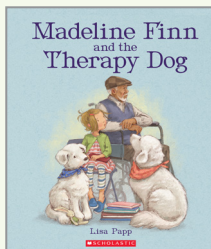


### Llama Llama and the Bully Goat

written and illustrated by Anna Dewdney

In this rhyming book from a popular series, Llama Llama has lots of fun learning with friends at school. But when Gilroy Goat begins to make fun of his classmates, Llama Llama wants to speak up and do what's best for the class. But can he still be friends with Gilroy Goat?

**Talk About It:** What would you want to say to Gilroy Goat if he were in your class?

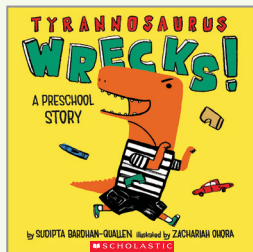


### Madeline Finn and the Therapy Dog

written and illustrated by Lisa Papp

Madeline is determined to train her dog, Star, to become a therapy dog. Together, Madeline and Star visit a retirement home called Walker Oaks, where Star can take part in tests to become a therapy dog. Madeline makes friends and learns lessons along the way, but she can't stop thinking about the man in the retirement community who never smiles. With empathy, and with Star's training, Madeline is determined to make a difference at Walker Oaks.

**Talk About It:** How do both Madeline and Star help Mr. Humphrey? How do you think Madeline feels when Mr. Humphrey asks her to read another story?



### Tyrannosaurus Wrecks!: A Preschool Story

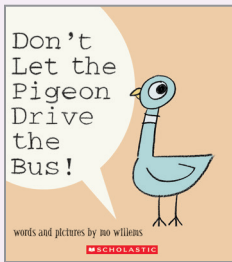
written by Sudipta Bardhan-Quallen and illustrated by Zachariah O'Hara

Tyrannosaurus is enthusiastic about crafting, writing, and playing in the classroom. But no matter how enthusiastic he is, he can't help but "wreck" things! His dinosaur classmates are aggravated and want him to leave, which makes Tyrannosaurus very sad. The dinosaurs soon find a way to work together so everyone can learn and play, and no one feels left out.

**Talk About It:** How does Tyrannosaurus show he is sorry after things get wrecked? How do the other dinosaurs help him feel better?



## Making Decisions

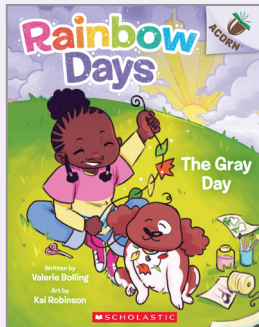


### Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus!

written and illustrated by Mo Willems

When a bus driver leaves his bus in the hands of readers, he has one request: "Don't let the pigeon drive the bus." The pigeon begs, bribes, and requests to drive the bus in a variety of funny ways.

**Talk About It:** The pigeon keeps asking and asking if he can drive the bus! Why would it not be a good idea to let the pigeon drive the bus? What new idea does the pigeon have at the end of the story? Do you think it is a good idea? Why or why not?

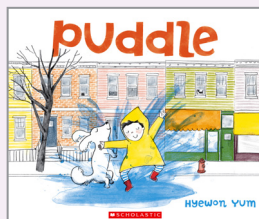


### The Gray Day

written by Valerie Bolling and illustrated by Kai Robinson

Zoya and her puppy, Coco, love to play outside in the sunshine and make art. But when the sunny day suddenly turns to a rainstorm, Zoya must learn to adapt and have fun back inside. Instead of sulking, Zoya decides to use the gray day as inspiration for her new art projects.

**Talk About It:** Zoya could have been sad that she could not play outside. Instead, she decides to think of something fun she can do inside. What do you like to do on a rainy day?



### Puddle

written and illustrated by Hyewon Yum

A child is discouraged when rainy weather keeps him inside. To occupy himself, he watches his mother draw on a pad of paper. Soon, he forgets his grim mood and adds his own flourishes to the drawing. Inspired by their artwork, the child, his mother, and their dog venture outside to splash in the puddles.

**Talk About It:** When the child sees his mother drawing, he is curious and wants to help. When they go outside afterward, how does what they decide to do outside remind you of their drawing?



### Ways to Welcome

written by Linda Ashman and illustrated by Joey Chou

This charming picture book in rhyme shows that there are special ways to welcome someone new—whether it's someone new to the classroom, the library, or the neighborhood. Warm and joyful illustrations show that even the decision to make a small gesture of kindness can have a big impact.

**Talk About It:** What are some of the ways the children in the book make their new friends feel welcome? Why is it important to make everyone feel welcome? What is one way you can make someone feel welcome?

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