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Books as Bridges

*Using text to connect
home and school literacy
and learning*



A Sampler of Booklists for Class & Home

Books to Build Social-Emotional Skills

These books explore some challenging emotions, but also humour and creativity. They will help children to recognize emotions and behaviours, establish and maintain relationships, and just have a good laugh!

I'm Not Scared

Small in the City by Sydney Smith (Groundwood, 2019)

Walk with Me by Jairo Buitrago (Groundwood, 2017)

The Giant Jumper by Julia Donaldson (Dial, 2017)

Brave by Stacy McAnulty (Running Press Kids, 2017)

Sam, the Most Scardy-Cat Kid in the Whole Wide World by Mo Willems (Hyperion, 2017)

Friends Forever

Colette's Lost Pet by Isabelle Arsenault (Tundra, 2017)

My Very Own Space by Pippa Goodhart (Flying Eye Books, 2017)

Rex Wrecks It! by Ben Clanton (Candlewick, 2017)

Juna's Jar by Jane Bahk (Lee & Low, 2015)

Truman by Jean Reidy (Atheneum, 2019)

That's Funny

Henny, Penny, Lenny, Denny and Mike by Cynthia Rylant (Beach Lane Books, 2017)

We Don't Eat Our Classmates by Ryan T. Higgins (Disney-Hyperion, 2018)

Escargot by Dashka Slater (Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2017)

Pete With No Pants by Rowboat Watkins (Chronicle, 2017)

How to Wash a Woolly Mammoth by Michelle Robinson (Henry Holt & Co., 2014)

Beat the Boredom

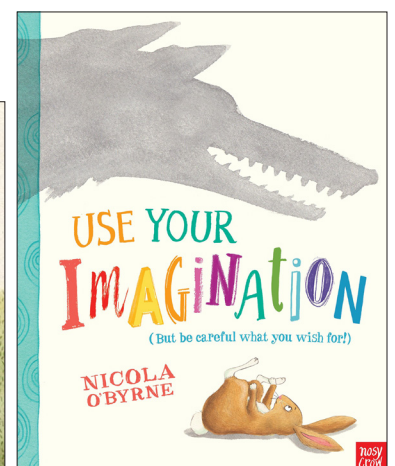
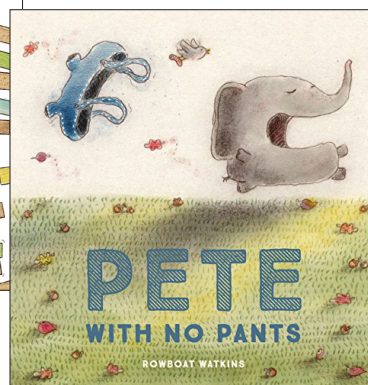
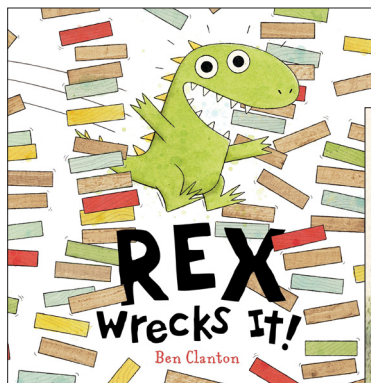
I'm Bored by Michael Ian Black (Simon & Schuster, 2012)

There's Nothing to Do! by Dev Petty (Doubleday Books, 2017)

Use Your Imagination by Nicola O'Byrne (Nosy Crow, 2014)

Harry and Clare's Amazing Staycation by Ted Staunton (Tundra, 2018)

The Boring Book by Shinsuke Yoshitake (Chronicle, 2019)



Books to Inspire Creativity & Imagination

These books will inspire kids to spread the wings of their imagination, and build something, cook something, or create a new imaginative world.

Imagine That

Penguinaut by Marcie Colleen (Orchard Books, 2018)

Little Fox in the Forest by Stephanie Graegin (Schwartz and Wade, 2017)

How to Find an Elephant by Kate Banks (Margaret Ferguson Books, Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2017)

Happy Dreamer by Peter Reynolds (Orchard Books, 2017)

My Dinosaur is More Awesome by Simon Coster (Sky Pony, 2015)

Let's Make Something

And the Robot Went... by Michelle Robinson (Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, Clarion, 2017)

The Most Magnificent Thing by Ashley Spires (Kids Can Press, 2014)

By Mouse and Frog by Deborah Freedman (Viking, 2015)

Sam and Eva by Debbie Ridpath Ohi (Simon & Schuster, 2017)

Louise Loves Arts by Kelly Light (Balzer + Bray 2014)

Something's Cooking

A Piece of Cake by LeUyen Pham (Balzer + Bray, 2014)

Zombies Don't Eat Veggies by Jorge Lacera (Lee & Low, 2019)

I'll Wait, Mr. Panda by Steve Antony (Scholastic, 2016)

Thank You, Omu! by Oge Mora (Little, Brown Books, 2018)

Pumpkin Soup by Helen Cooper (Square Fish, 2005)

Amazing Animals

Carnivores by Aaron Reynolds (Chronicle, 2013)

Sea Bear: A Journey for Survival by Lindsay Moore (Greenwillow, 2019)

Giant Squid by Candace Fleming (Roaring Brook Press, 2016)

Hawk Rising by Maria Gianferrari (Roraing Brook Press, 2018)

Being Frog by April Pulley Sayre (Beach Lane Books, 2020)



Books to Kick Off Activity and Play

We all need help sometimes to get moving & play. These books will give children the inspiration they need to put down a device, get up, or go outside and enjoy the world around them.

Get Moving

Dance is for Everyone by Andrea Zull (Stirling, 2017)

Another Way to Climb a Tree by Liz Garton Scanlon (Roaring Brook Press, 2017)

Argyle Fox by Marie Letourneau (Tanglewood, 2017)

Hide and Seek by Anthony Browne (Candlewick, 2018)

Run Wild by David Covell (Viking, 2018)

In the Garden

Up in the Garden and Down in the Dirt by Kate Messner (Chronicle, 2017)

A Seed is Sleepy by Dianna Hutts Aston (Chronicle, 2014)

We Are the Gardeners by Joanna Gaines (Thomas Nelson, 2019)

Give Bees a Chance by Bethany Barton (Viking, 2017)

Holey Moley by Lois Ehlert (Beach Lane, 2015)

