

The Butter Battle Book / Dr. Seuss

Engaged in a long-running battle, the Yooks and the Zooks develop more and more sophisticated weaponry as they attempt to outdo each other.

Champions on the Bench: The Cannon Street YMCA All Stars /

Carole Boston Weatherford

A story based on fact: in 1955, 61 white baseball teams refused to play the Cannon Street YMCA Little League All-Stars in the state tournament.

A Yankee at the Seder / Elka Weber

As a Confederate family prepares for Passover the day after the Civil War has ended, a Yankee arrives on their Virginia doorstep and is invited to share their meal, to the dismay of ten-year-old Jacob.

Yoko / Rosemary Wells

When Yoko brings sushi to school for lunch, her classmates make fun of what she eats—until one of them tries it for himself.

Each Kindness / Jacqueline Woodson

When Ms. Albert teaches a lesson on kindness, Chloe realizes that she and her friends have been wrong in making fun of new student Maya's shabby clothes and refusing to play with her.

Crow Boy / Taro Yashima

In this classic picture book a shy Japanese boy is treated as an outsider at school because he is different.

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*Suggestions from the Mt. Lebanon Public Library
for children in preschool through second grade*

*Unless otherwise noted, all books may be found in
the picture book section under the author's last name.*

The Ugly Duckling / Hans Christian Andersen

An ugly duckling spends an unhappy year excluded by the other animals before he grows into a beautiful swan.

Arrowville / Geefwee Boedoe

When the Target family travels through Arrowville, the people there mistake them for enemies.

Smoky Night / Eve Bunting

During the Los Angeles riots, a boy and his mother learn the value of getting along with others regardless of their race or background.

Loudmouth George and the New Neighbors / Nancy Carlson

When George the rabbit finally decides to play with the new pig neighbors next door, he finds out they aren't so bad after all.

See You Tomorrow, Charles / Miriam Cohen

A first grade class learns that the new boy, who is blind, is just like them.

The Golden Rule / Ilene Cooper

Grandpa explains the golden rule as it is practiced by all ages and faiths: Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.

Metropolitan Cow / Tim Egan

Bennett the cow becomes good friends with Webster, a pig who moves in next door, even though his parents aren't comfortable with the idea.

A Taste of Colored Water / Matt Faulkner

LuLu and Jelly are excited to see the "colored" water they heard is in the city's water fountain, but when they are not allowed to taste it they wonder "what color does a person have to be to get a taste of colored water?"

Feathers and Fools / Mem Fox

A fear of the differences between swans and peacocks almost leads to their destruction in this modern fable.

Whoever You Are / Mem Fox

Despite the differences between people around the world, there are similarities that join us together, such as pain, joy, and love.

New Kid in Town / Claire Freedman

His new neighbors warn Mouse about horrible Big Wolf who lives on the hill but Mouse discovers that Big Wolf is really a very nice friend.

A Pig is Moving In! / Claudia Fries

Three animal friends are worried when a pig moves into their building, and are surprised to find he is a good neighbor.

Henry and the Kite Dragon / Bruce Edward Hall

New friends are made when dragon kites and homing pigeons cause the children from New York's Chinatown and Little Italy to look at things from each other's perspective.

All the Colors of the Earth / Sheila Hamanaka

This verse teaches that even though children everywhere are different, in many ways they are also the same.

Chrysanthemum / Kevin Henkes

Chrysanthemum loves her name, until she starts going to school and the other children make fun of it.

Fishing Sunday / Tony Johnston

A young boy is embarrassed by his grandfather's old Japanese ways, but on one of their fishing Sundays, he learns to see his grandfather in a new light.

The Worm Family / Tony Johnston

The Worm family moves from place to place before finally finding friends who accept and appreciate those who are different.

Tacky the Penguin / Helen Lester

Tacky does not fit in with his prim companions, but when his odd behavior saves them from hunters, the other penguins decide he really is nice to know.

Some Monsters are Different / David Milgrim

Monsters celebrate their individuality.

The Bus Ride / William Miller

In this story, loosely based on the story of Rosa Parks, a little girl who decides to sit in the front of the bus brings about the change of an unjust law.

The Drinking Gourd / F. N. Monjo (*beginning reader- jEr MONJO*)

A New England boy helps a black family escape on the Underground Railroad.

The Robotots / Matt Novak

Although they are labeled 'too different' by their neighbors, eventually the Robotot family convinces them that they are a family worth knowing.

Mr. Lincoln's Way / Patricia Polacco

When Mr. Lincoln, "the coolest principal in the whole world," discovers that Eugene, the school bully, knows a lot about birds, he uses this interest to help Eugene overcome his intolerance.

Spotty / Margret Rey

Excluded from a party because his spots make him different, Spotty the bunny runs away from home.

"The Sneetches," in The Sneetches and Other Stories / Dr. Seuss

Plain-Belly Sneetches and Star-Belly Sneetches learn that "Sneetches are Sneetches, and no kind of Sneetch is the best on the beaches."