



Bexley Public Library

Welcome to Kindergarten Superstars!

Please join Mouse, Llama and me for super stories and activities designed to help build school and reading readiness. Themes for this ongoing program include: print motivation, emotional awareness, print awareness, letter recognition, alliteration, rhyming, phonemic awareness, narrative skills, counting, subitizing, and rules.

Each week there will be a pre-recorded video AND a live Zoom meet-up. Videos will be available each Monday at 1pm on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/bexleylibrary>). The Zoom meet-up will be at 2pm Monday.

Zoom Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85373908756?pwd=VWF2aENyaHVkbDA4c2pqYWpuTzh5Zz09>

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Materials can be downloaded from the BPL website (<https://bexleylibrary.org/kids>), or call the Youth Services Department at (614) 231-2878 for a copy available via curbside pick-up.

Children are invited to get a Bexley Library Card and encouraged to reserve books that support daily reading habits. Books may be reserved online or you may call the library for assistance finding books.

Please register for the program online (<https://bexleylibrary.org/event/4534678>) or drop in to view at your convenience on the BPL YouTube Channel (<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC9fOqzb9ojp4OF70qWtFncw/playlists>).

We hope to see you there!

Mrs. Myers and the BPL Youth Services Team (and special guest stars, Mouse and Llama!)



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Week #1

Print Motivation

Parents:

This week we are talking about Print Motivation. **Print Motivation** is the interest in and enjoyment of books. This skill is supported by reading with your child, attending story times, showing that you love reading, and encouraging your child to choose books that they enjoy.

Today we read: *The Black Rabbit* by Philippa Leathers. This is the story of a mysterious black rabbit that follows Rabbit around. Rabbit tries to run and hide, but the black rabbit is always there! Why won't he go away? (Black rabbit is a shadow!)

As you walk around outside during the day, talk about shadows and how they are made. Do you see your shadow when it is cloudy or at night? Talking about shadows helps children learn about their world and how it works. Children are curious and interested in the world around them. Your explanations will help them to understand what they read.

During the Zoom Meet up I am reading: *The Very Impatient Caterpillars* by Ross Burach. This is a story about a caterpillar and metamorphosis, and about being patient!

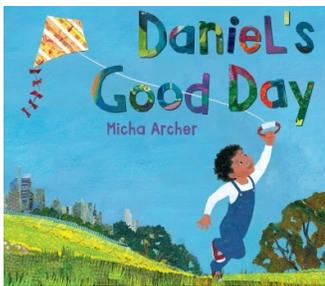
Reminders for home support (HOMEWORK)

1. Come to the Zoom meet-up at 2:00
2. Get your child a Bexley Public Library Card! Mouse and Llama just got theirs! (Register online here: <https://bexleylibrary.org/cards>)
3. Call (614) 231-2878 and request 5 books to put on their new card and pick up at curbside pickup 10 am to 8 pm Monday - Saturday
4. Read to your child EVERY DAY!

If you have questions, please call (614) 231-2878 or email mmyers@bexleylibrary.org

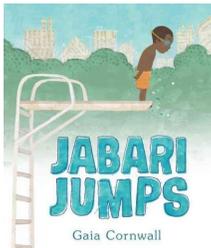
Kindergarten Superstars Book List Fall 2020 Session, Week 1: Print Motivation

1. *Daniel's Good Day* by Micha Archer



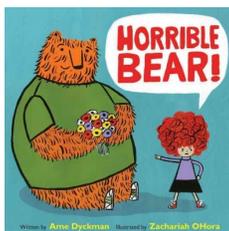
The people in Daniel's neighborhood always say, "Have a good day!" But what exactly is a good day? Daniel is determined to find out, and as he strolls through his neighborhood, he finds a wonderful world full of answers as varied as his neighbors. And when Daniel puts all these good days together, they make a lovely poem full of his neighbors' favorite things.

2. *Jabari Jumps* by Gaia Cornwall



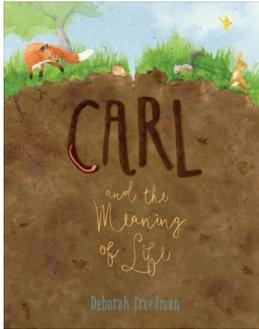
Jabari is definitely ready to jump off the diving board. He's finished his swimming lessons and passed his swim test, and he's a great jumper, so he's not scared at all. In a sweetly appealing tale of overcoming your fears, Gaia Cornwall captures a moment between a patient and encouraging father and a determined little boy you can't help but root for.

3. *Horrible Bear!* by Ame Dyckman



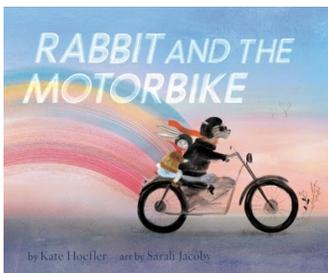
Though Bear didn't mean to break the girl's kite, she is upset and shouts 'HORRIBLE BEAR!'. But Bear doesn't think he is horrible. Until he decides to get his own back and has a really horrible idea. Before he can carry it out, the girl makes a mistake of her own. Maybe the Horrible Bear isn't so horrible after all?

4. *Carl and the Meaning of Life* by Deborah Freedman



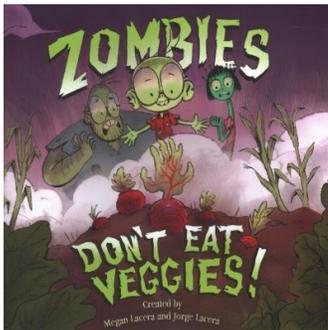
Carl is an earthworm. He spends his days happily tunneling in the soil until a field mouse asks him a simple question that stops him short: "Why?" Carl's quest takes him on an adventure to meet all the animals of the forest, each of whom seems to know exactly what they were put on this earth to do, unlike the curious Carl. But it's not until the world around him has changed that Carl begins to realize everyone, no matter how small, makes a big difference just by being themselves.

5. *Rabbit and the Motorbike* by Kate Hoefler



Rabbit isn't sure he'll ever be brave enough to go on an adventure. He's a homebody who lives in a quiet field of wheat he dreams of leaving every night. His world is enlarged by his friend Dog and Dog's tales of motorbike adventures. But one day, Dog is gone, and with him, go the stories Rabbit loves so much. Dare Rabbit pick up the motorbike and live his own story? This timeless fable of the journey from grief to acceptance will touch every reader.

6. *Zombies Don't Eat Veggies!* by Megan Lacera



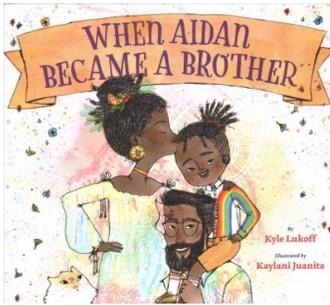
Mo Romero is a zombie who loves nothing more than growing, cooking, and eating vegetables. The problem? Mo's parents insist that their niño eat only zombie cuisine, like arm-panadas and finger foods. They tell Mo over and over that zombies don't eat veggies. But Mo can't imagine a lifetime of just eating zombie food and giving up his veggies. As he questions his own zombie identity, Mo tries his best to convince his parents to give peas a chance.

7. *A Big Bed for Little Snow* by Grace Lin



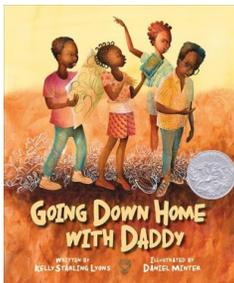
When it was quiet, Little Snow grinned and then jumped, jumped, jumped! Little Snow loves the new big, soft bed Mommy made him for the long, cold winter nights. But Mommy says this bed is for sleeping, not jumping! What happens when he can't resist jump, jump, jumping on his new fluffy, bouncy bed?

8. *When Aidan Became a Brother* by Kyle Lukoff



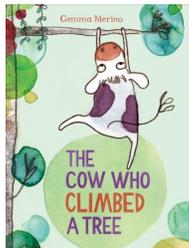
When Aidan was born, everyone thought he was a girl. After he realized he was a trans boy, Aidan and his parents fixed the parts of life that didn't fit anymore, and he settled happily into his new life. Then Mom and Dad announce that they're going to have another baby, and Aidan wants to do everything he can to make things right for his new sibling from the beginning. Aidan comes to understand that the most important thing about being a big brother is how to love with his whole self.

9. *Going Down Home with Daddy* by Kelly Starling Lyons



Down home is Granny's house. Down home is where Lil Alan and his parents and sister will join great-grandparents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, and cousins. Down home is where Lil Alan will hear stories of the ancestors and visit the land that has meant so much to all of them. And down home is where all of the children will find their special way to pay tribute to family history. All the kids have to decide on what tribute to share, but what will Lil Alan do?

10. *The Cow Who Climbed a Tree* by Gemma Merino



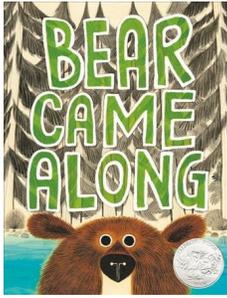
Tina isn't like the other cows. She believes that the sky is the limit, that everything is possible. But her sisters aren't convinced - and when Tina tells them she has climbed a tree and met a dragon, they decide that her nonsense has gone too far. Off they go into the woods to find her . . . and soon discover a world of surprises!

11. *Saturday* by Oge Mora



Join a mother and daughter on an up-and-down journey that reminds them of what's best about Saturdays: precious time together. In this heartfelt and universal story, a mother and daughter look forward to their special Saturday routine together every single week. But this Saturday, one thing after another goes wrong. Mom is nearing a meltdown...until her loving daughter reminds her that being together is the most important thing of all.

12. *Bear Came Along* by Richard T. Morris



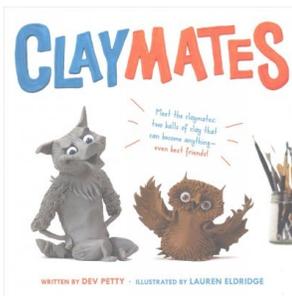
A cheerful and action-packed adventure about the importance of friendship and community. Once there was a river flowing through a forest. The river didn't know it was capable of adventures until a big bear came along. But adventures aren't any fun by yourself, and so enters Froggy, Turtles, Beaver, Racoons, and Duck. These very different animals take off downstream, but they didn't know they needed one another until thankfully, the river came along.

13. *Sulwe* by Lupita Nyong'o



From Academy Award–winning actress Lupita Nyong'o comes a powerful, moving picture book about colorism, self-esteem, and learning that true beauty comes from within. Sulwe has skin the color of midnight. She is darker than everyone in her family. She is darker than anyone in her school. Sulwe just wants to be beautiful and bright, like her mother and sister. Then a magical journey in the night sky opens her eyes and changes everything.

14. *Claymates* by Dev Petty



Meet the claymates: two balls of clay that can become anything—even best friends! What can you do with two blobs of clay? Create something amazing! But don't leave them alone for too long. Things might get a little *crazy*. In this photographic friendship adventure, the claymates squish, smash, and sculpt themselves into the funniest shapes imaginable. But can they fix a giant mess before they're caught in the act?

15. *A Perfect Day* by Lane Smith



Today is a perfect day for Cat, Dog, Chickadee, and Squirrel. Until Bear comes along, that is. Today was a perfect day for Cat, Dog, Chickadee, and Squirrel. Now, it's just a perfect day for Bear. Lane Smith uses perfect pacing and vibrant illustrations to emphasize the power of perspective in this hilarious picture book about the goings-on in Bert's backyard.



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Week #2

Emotional Awareness

Parents: This week we are talking about Emotional Awareness. **Emotional Awareness** is the ability to recognize and make sense of not just your own emotions, but also those of others. This is one of the most important skills when starting school.

We talked about the 5 Steps to Managing Big Emotions (flyer enclosed). These 5 Steps can be YOUR Superpower! Hang the Sheet up in a calm down area to help your child practice managing their emotions.

1. It is never okay hurt others
2. Take 3 deep breaths or count to 10
3. Use your words to say how you feel and how you want to feel
4. Ask for help
5. Give yourself time to calm down.

Today we read: Saturday by Oge Mora. This is the story of Ava and her mother's special day together. A story time, salon time, a picnic and this week a special puppet show! But what happens when things start to go wrong? This is a reminder that what's best about Saturdays is the precious time together.

This week, focus on helping your child to practice the 5 Big Steps to Managing Emotions. Talk about when they get mad or sad or disappointed, using the steps to calm down.

During the Zoom Meet up I am reading: Crabby Pants by Julie Gassman.

Reminders for home support (HOMEWORK)

1. Come to the Zoom Meet-up at 2:00pm
2. Sign up for a new or replacement card at the library.
3. Call (614) 231-2878 and request 5 books from the Emotions Book List (enclosed) or ask for a surprise stack of 5 books!
4. Use the 5 Steps to Managing Big Emotions
5. Read to your child EVERY DAY

5 Steps to Managing Big Emotions

2.

Take 3 deep breaths or count slowly to 10.

1.

Remind myself that it is never okay to hurt others.

3.

Use my words to say how I feel and what I wish would happen.

4.

Ask for help to solve the problem.

5.

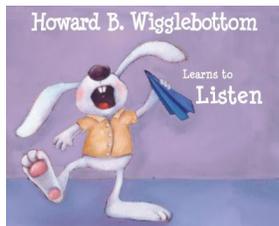
Take time to calm down.



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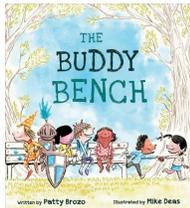
Fall Week 2: Emotional Awareness

1. *Howard B. Wigglebottom Learns to Listen* by Howard Binkow (Listening)



Imagine how much easier life would be if children listened better. Meet Howard B. Wigglebottom, a curious rabbit who just doesn't listen! This book has been created to help children improve their listening skills and pay attention. Educators, parents, and children alike will laugh and learn as Howard B. Wigglebottom learns to listen.

2. *The Buddy Bench* by Patty Brozo (Inclusion and Kindness)



Having seen what being left out is like, children become agents of change, convincing their teacher to let them build a buddy bench.

3. *Willow's Whispers* by Lana Button (Shyness)

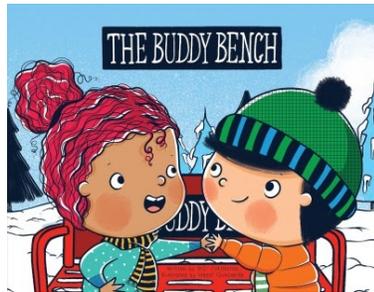
*Willow's
Whispers*

Written by Lana Button Illustrated by Tania Howells



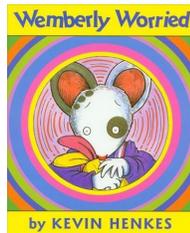
When Willow speaks, her words slip out as soft and shy as a secret. At school, her barely audible whisper causes her no end of troubles. But Willow is as resourceful as she is quiet, and she fashions a magic microphone from items she finds in the recycling bin. But Willow's clever invention is only a temporary solution. How will this quiet little girl make herself heard?

4. *The Buddy Bench* by B.D. Cottleston (Inclusion and Kindness)



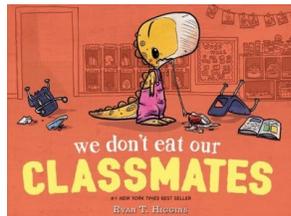
In this story, the buddy bench launches two new friends on a chilly adventure. On a surprisingly snowy day in Texas, a young student finds himself braving recess alone. That is until he spots a new face sitting on the school's Buddy Bench. By the end of recess, both kids leave the playground with a brand new friend. This sweet story of friendship brings the Buddy Bench's purpose to life.

5. *Wemberly Worried* by Kevin Henkes (Worry)



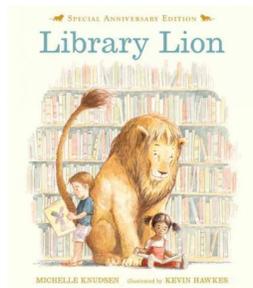
Wemberly worried about spilling her juice, about shrinking in the bathtub, even about snakes in the radiator. She worried morning, noon, and night. And Wemberly worried about one thing most of all: her first day of school. But when she meets a fellow worrywart in her class, Wemberly realizes that school is too much fun to waste time worrying!

6. *We Don't Eat Our Classmates* by Ryan T. Higgins (Making Friends)



It's the first day of school for Penelope Rex, and she can't wait to meet her classmates. But it's hard to make human friends when they're so darn delicious! That is, until Penelope gets a taste of her own medicine and finds she may not be at the top of the food chain after all.

7. *Library Lion* by Michelle Knudsen (Rules)



Miss Merriweather, the head librarian, is very particular about rules in the library. But when a lion comes to the library one day, no one is sure what to do. There aren't any rules about lions in the library. And, as it turns out, this lion seems very well suited to library visiting. But when something terrible happens, the lion quickly comes to the rescue in the only way he knows how.

8. *Be Kind* by Pat Zietlow Miller (Kindness)



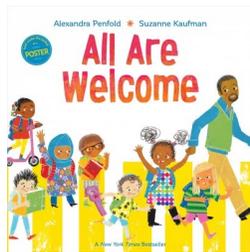
When Tanisha spills grape juice all over her new dress, her classmate wants to make her feel better, wondering: *What does it mean to be kind?* From asking the new girl to play to standing up for someone being bullied, this moving story explores what kindness is, and how any act, big or small, can make a difference - or at least help a friend.

9. *Saturday* by Oge Mora (Disappointment)



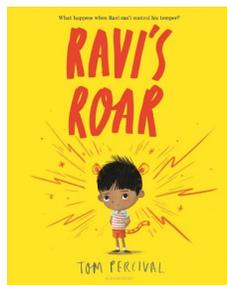
In this heartfelt and universal story, a mother and daughter look forward to their special Saturday routine together every single week. But this Saturday, one thing after another goes wrong. Mom is nearing a meltdown...until her loving daughter reminds her that being together is the most important thing of all.

10. *All Are Welcome* by Alexandra Penfold (Inclusion)



Celebrate diversity and inclusion with this picture book about a school where all are welcome! Follow a group of children through a day in their school, where everyone is welcomed with open arms. A school where students grow and learn from each other's traditions and the whole community gathers to celebrate the Lunar New Year.

11. *Ravi's Roar* by Tom Percival (Anger)



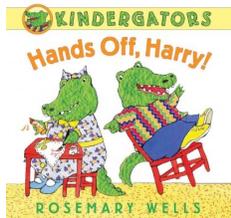
Most of the time Ravi can control his temper but, one day, he lets out the tiger within ... Being a tiger is great fun at first – but who wants to play with a growling, roaring, noisy, wild tiger who won't share or play nicely? A clever and engaging book about temper tantrums, dealing with emotions and learning to express and understand your feelings. This is the perfect book for helping with bad days and noisy outbursts.

12. *You're Finally Here* by Melanie Watts (Range of Emotions)



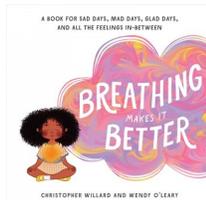
This is no ordinary picture-book character, and it will quickly become clear that this is no ordinary picture book - namely because you, the reader, are on the spot. You're late! At first, this little bunny is deliriously excited by your arrival, but now that you're finally here, he wants to know: where were you? After he's shown you how it feels to be kept waiting and just when he's finally satisfied that you're a good steady page-turner who's here to stay, something happens to turn the tables. The result is an off-beat ending worth waiting for!

13. *Hands Off, Harry!* by Rosemary Wells (Rules and Personal Space)



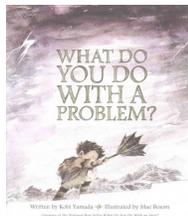
Kindergators work and play happily in Miss Harmony's class. But Harry isn't being a good classmate! He's disrupting Friendly Circle, causing accidents, and upsetting the class. Can the Kindergators find a way to help Harry learn to respect personal space?

14. *Breathing Makes It Better* by Christopher Willard and Wendy O'Leary (Feelings)



Read aloud and breathe along with this sweet story teaching children how to navigate powerful emotions like anger, fear, sadness, confusion, anxiety, and loneliness. *Breathing Makes It Better* guides children to breathe through their feelings and find calm with recurring cues to stop and take a breath. Simple guided practices, like imagining you are a tree blowing in the wind, follow each story to teach children how to apply mindfulness techniques when they need them the most.

15. *What Do You Do With a Problem?* by Kobi Yamada (Problems)



The story of a persistent problem and the child who isn't so sure what to make of it. The longer he avoids the problem, the bigger it seems to get. But when the child finally musters up the courage to face it, the problem turns out to be something quite different indeed.



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Week # 3

Print Awareness and Environmental Print

Parents: This week we are talking about Print Awareness and Environmental Print.

Print awareness is the understanding that print has meaning, that books contain letters and words. Print awareness also includes an understanding of what books are used for and how a book "works" — how to turn pages, how to find the top and bottom of a page, and how to identify the title and the front and back covers.

Environmental Print is the print of everyday life. It's the name given to the print that appears in signs, labels, and logos. Street signs, candy wrappers, labels on peanut butter, and logos are other examples of environmental print.

Today we read the book: Accident! By Andrea Tsurumi. This book uses text size and word bubbles to draw attention to the print or words in the story. This is a funny story about spilling juice on a parent's best chair! It's a calamity, a catastrophe, a disaster! Lola panics and runs away only to find that everyone makes mistakes and it is not the end of the world!

This week, take time to practice saying "I'm Sorry" when we make mistakes, or hurt someone's feelings. Sorry is one of the hardest words. Model and practice saying you're sorry and being kind.

During Zoom Meet-up I am reading: Sorry (Really Sorry) by Joanna Cotler and we'll look at the book Sign Off by Steven Savage.

Reminders for home support (Homework):

1. Come to the Zoom Meet-up at 2:00pm
2. When you are out this week, look for signs and logos on the enclosed sheet or around the neighborhood.
3. Keep using the 5 Steps to Managing Big Emotions
4. Call and reserve a stack of books - Youth Services Department: (614) 231-2878
5. Read to your child EVERY DAY

