

Children's books that build Developmental Assets/ address important topics

To learn more about each one, you can visit the local library or look online at www.barnesandnoble.com. Search for the book and read the "overview" and "editorial reviews".

Empowerment/ Courage

Stand Tall, Molly Lou Melon; by Patty Lovell
The Recess Queen, by Alexis O'Neill
Jungle Drums, by Graeme Base (has teasing, fighting, bragging)
The Little Engine That Could
The Little Old Lady Who Was Not Afraid of Anything, by Linda Williams
Sheila Rae, The Brave; by Kevin Henkes
Little Britches and the Rattlers, by Eric A. Kimmel
Cowboy Camp, by Tammi Sauer
The Gruffalo, by Julia Donaldson
Ordinary Audrey, by Peter Harris
I'm Gonna Like Me, by Jamie Lee Curtis
The Tortoise and the Hare (Aesop fable)
Henry Aaron's Dream, by Matt Tavares
Very Last First Time, by Jan Andrews (about an Inuit village in Canada)

Decision-Making

Duck! Rabbit! by Amy Rosenthal
The Name Jar, by Yangsook Choi
Which Would You Rather Be? by William Steig
Little Red Bird, by Nick Bruel

Anger and Feelings

Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, Very Bad, No Good Day; by Judith Viorst
Boy Was I Mad, by K. Hitte and Mercer Mayer
My Many Colored Days, by Dr. Seuss
Today I Feel Silly and Other Moods That Make My Day, by Jamie Lee Curtis
If You're Angry and You Know It, by Cecily Kaiser (younger)
Ivy and Bean: Bound To Be Bad; by Annie Barrows
Every Cowgirl Needs a Horse, by Rebecca Janni (upset about not getting what she wants for her birthday)
Peter's Chair, by Ezra Jack Keats (African-American characters)

Responsibility

David Gets In Trouble, by David Shannon
Miss Fox's Class Earns a Field Trip, by Eileen Spinelli (includes addition and subtraction)
The Little Red Hen, by J.P. Miller (Golden Books)
The Water Hole, by Graeme Base
Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus! by Mo Willems

Honesty

The Berenstain Bears and the Truth, by Stan Berenstain

Pinky Promise, by Vanita Braver

Doug-Dennis and the Flyaway Fib, by Darren Farrell

Positive Values (caring, sharing, friendship, manners, etc.)

Franklin Is Bossy, by Paulette Bourgeois

George and Martha – One Fine Day, by James Marshall

Kids Who Have Made a Difference, by Teddy Milne

The Rainbow Fish, by Marcus Pfister

Wilfred Gordon McDonald Partridge, by Mem Fox

Leonardo the Terrible Monster, by Mo Willems

How Do Dinosaurs Eat Their Food?, by Jane Yolen

Duck and Goose, by Tad Hills

I Saw An Ant On the Railroad Track, by Joshua Prince

The Curious Garden, by Peter Brown

Bear's New Friend, by Karma Wilson

The Little Mouse, the Red Ripe Strawberry, and the Big Hungry Bear; by Audrey Wood

Big Words For Little People, by Jamie Lee Curtis

Peace Week in Miss Fox's Class, by Eileen Spinelli

Interrupting Chicken, by David Ezra Stein

Raising Dragons, by Jerdine Nolen (African-American characters)

Respect for others and diversity

Across the Alley, by Richard Michelson (African-American and Jewish characters)

The Butter Battle Book, Dr. Seuss

Yo? Yes!, by Chris Raschka

Berenstain Bears and the Bully, by Jan Berenstain

Child of the Civil Rights Movement, by Paula Young Shelton

Martin's Big Words: The Life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.; by Doreen Rappaport

Is There Really a Human Race?, by Jamie Lee Curtis

Clemente, by Willie Perdomo (also has math in it, like batting average)

Commitment to Learning (plus all the great counting and alphabet books)

What is Science?, by Rebecca Kai Dotlich

Miss Fox's Class Goes Green, by Eileen Spinelli

Counting Crocodiles, by Judy Sierra

Uno's Garden, Graeme Base

Alphabet Rescue, by Audrey Wood

A Couple of Boys Have the Best Week Ever, by Marla Frazee

Lucky Beans, by Becky Birtha (includes estimating, math; African-American characters)