



Using Children's Literature to Address Issues with Parents and Families

Children's books can be a fun, non-threatening way for teachers and providers to begin talking to families or children about sensitive issues. Below are some of the book titles and topics which have worked with families in the Even Start program.

Goal-setting	<i>Three Billy Goats Gruff</i> by Paul Galdone <i>A Chair for My Mother</i> by Vera Williams
Bedtime Routines	<i>Big Red Barn</i> by Margaret Wise Brown <i>Goodnight Moon</i> by Allen Say
Child Development	<i>Leo the Late Bloomer</i> by Robert Kraus <i>The Carrot Seed</i> by Ruth Kraus <i>The Very Hungry Caterpillar</i> by Eric Carle
Guidance & Discipline	<i>Mama, Do You Love Me?</i> by Barbara Joosse <i>Where the Wild Things Are</i> by Maurice Sendak
New Baby & Sibling Rivalry	<i>On Mother's Lap</i> by Ann Herbert Scott <i>Peter's Chair</i> by Ezra Jack Keats <i>Baby Rattlesnake</i> by Te Ata / Lynn Moroney
Safety	<i>A Chair for My Mother</i> by Vera Williams <i>Goggles!</i> by Ezra Jack Keats <i>Goldilocks and the Three Bears</i> by James Marshall <i>Little Red Riding Hood</i> by Brothers Grimm
Death	<i>Tenth Good Thing about Barney</i> by Judith Viorst & Erik Blegvad <i>Everet Anderson's Good Bye</i> by Lucille Clifton <i>Nana Upstairs & Nana Downstairs</i> by Tomie De Paola

**Building Relationships
& Respecting Diversity**

Margaret and Margarita by Lynn Reiser
Mama Zooms! by Jane Cowen-Fletcher
Tell Me a Story, Mama by Angela Johnson
Two Mrs. Gibsons by Toyomi Igus
Yoko by Rosemary Wells

**Skill-building & School
Readiness**

One Duck Stuck by Phyllis Root
Chicka Chicka Boom Boom by Bill Martin
& John Archambault

**Fostering Security &
Helping Children Cope
with Fears**

Does a Kangaroo Have a Mother too? by Eric Carle
Guess How Much I Love You? by Sam McBretney
Where the Wild Things Are by Maurice Sendak
There's a Nightmare In My Closet by Mercer Mayer
Go Away, Big Green Scary Monster! by Ed Emberly
Abiyoyo by Pete Seeger
Run Away Bunny by Margaret Wise Brown
Owl Babies by Martin Waddell

Latino Culture

A Chair for My Mother by Vera B. Williams
Abuela by Arthur Dorros
Birthday Basket for Tia by Pat Mora
Carlos and the Cornfield by Jan Romero Stevens
En Mi Familia by Carmen Garza
Fiesta by Ginger Fogleson Guy
Margaret and Margarita by Lynn Reiser
Tortillas and Lullabies by Lynn Reiser
The Lost Ball / La Pelota Perdida by Lynn Reiser

**Hmong or other
Asian Culture**

Dia's Story Cloth by Dia Cha (H)
Hush! A Thai Lullaby by Min Fong Ho
Liang and the Magic Paint Brush by Demi (H)
Ming Lo Moves the Mountain by Arnold Lobel (H)
Nine in One, Grr! Grr! told by Blia Xiong (H)
Paper Crane by Molly Bang (H)
The Whispering Cloth by Pegi Shea

(H) = Titles available in Hmong can be found through the Minnesota Humanities Commission
www.minnesotahumanities.org or Amazon.com