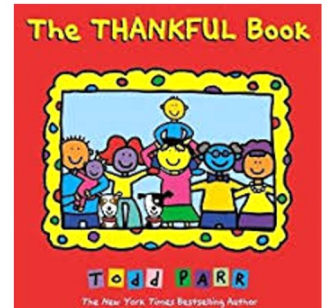
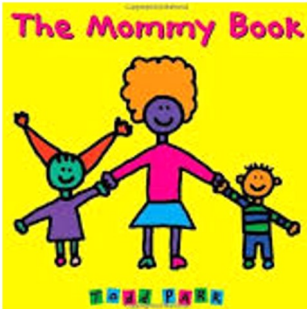
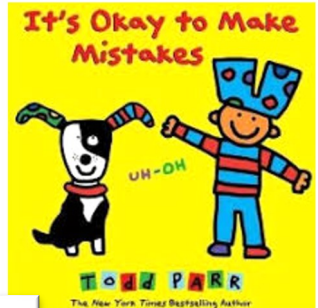
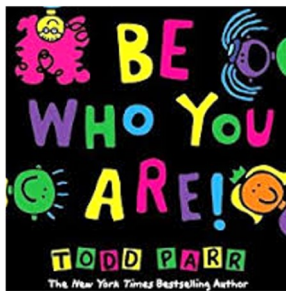
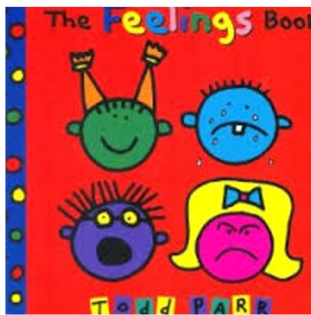
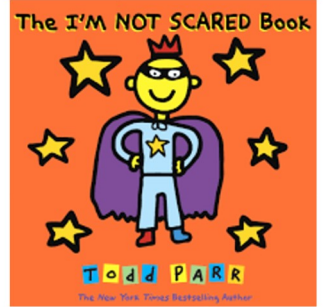
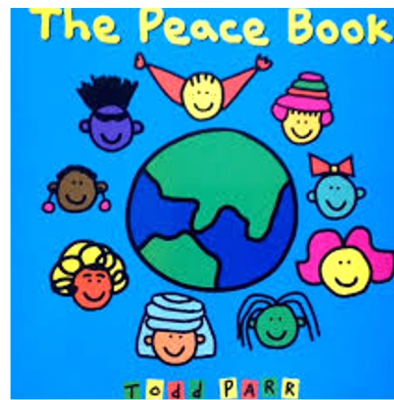
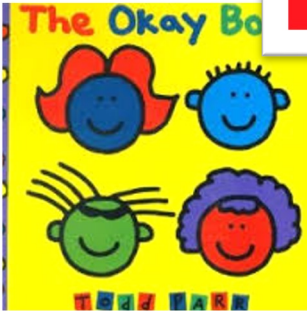
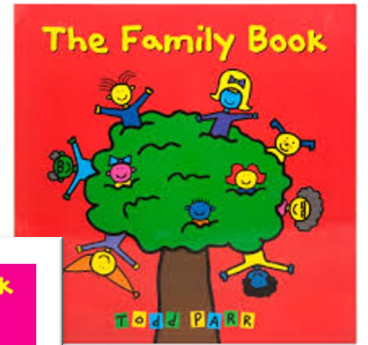
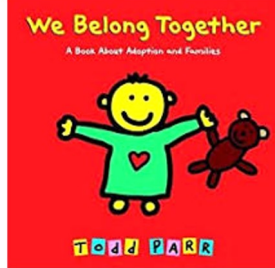
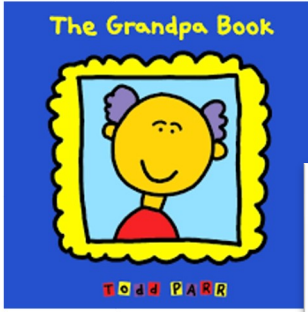


# Todd Parr

## And B.C.'s Core Competencies



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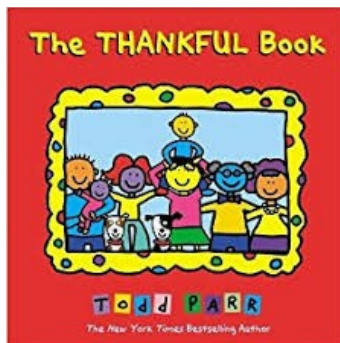
# Thinking about Core Competencies?

## Think Todd Parr!

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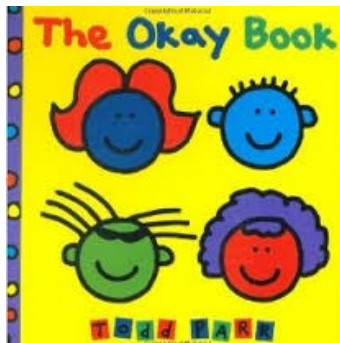
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The Thankful Book celebrates all the little things children can give thanks for. From everyday activities like reading and bath time to big family meals together and special alone time between parent and child, Todd inspires readers to remember all of life's special moments.

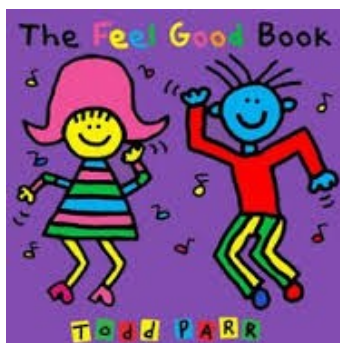
Children love reading class-made books. This one will be no exception. Provide students with a simple black line master that says, 'I am thankful for ...' and a space to draw a picture and voila, you'll have a book that will be read again and again by the students in your class and will reinforce what's good in the world.



Todd Parr celebrates differences between people as well as the uniqueness of individuals in his Okay Book

In a talking circle, have students share ideas by completing the phrase, "It's okay to ..."

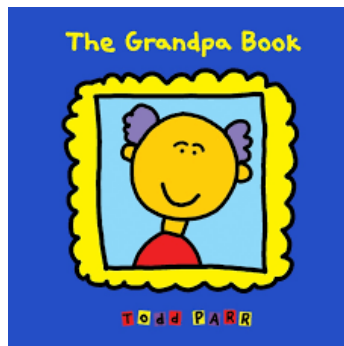
Choose an after recess time, an after gym time, or after field trip time to share ideas. This will help students connect to a recent event or activity.



Todd Parr celebrates all the feel-good things that tickle kids and adults alike, from rubbing noses and rubbing a dog's belly, to giving a great big hug, and seeing fireflies outside your window. With Parr's trademark bold, bright colors and silly scenes, children will be inspired to feel good about things they do every day.

Co-create a list of feel-good activities. Use recipe cards to write down each child's idea. Play charades as others guess what the feel good ideas of their classmates might be.

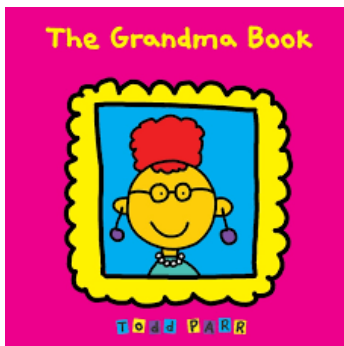




Todd Parr celebrates the special bond between grandparents and grandchildren. From golfing Grandpas to Grandpas who wiggle their ears, tell stories, and give kisses, this book is a tribute to all the different kinds of Grandpas in the world.

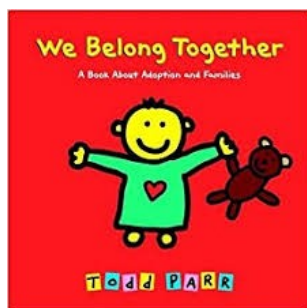
After reading this book, have a discussion about the role that elders play in our lives. Create a, 'My Grandpa' class book.

Connect with a senior's facility. Intergenerational learning is not to be underestimated. They can be a great buddy reader, buddy artist, or buddy listener. The more often you visit, the deeper the relationships become.



Featuring Todd Parr's signature colorful and kid-friendly illustrations, The Grandma Book portrays the different ways grandmothers show their grandchildren love, from offering advice and babysitting to making things and giving lots of kisses.

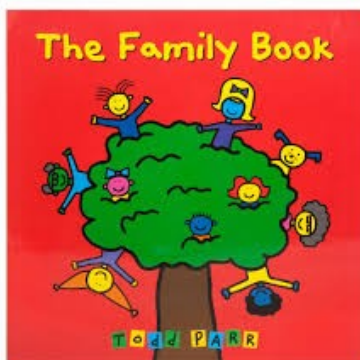
This book is filled with details. Details make writing come alive. Encourage students to think of the most unusual, or unique things about a grandma or elder. Create a piece of writing (maybe for mother's Day ) that's filled with the kinds of details that will show someone special all the things you notice about them and you do together.



In a kid-friendly, accessible way, this book explores the ways that people can choose to come together to make a family. It's about sharing your home and sharing your heart to make a family that belongs together.

Create a heart-felt piece of writing that connects each child in your class with someone special in their life using the sentence framework, 'We belong together because you needed .... And I ...

Draw pictures with labels to share this special connection via an image.



*The Family Book* celebrates the love we feel for our families and all the different varieties they come in. Whether you have two moms or two dads, a big family or a small family, a clean family or a messy one, Todd Parr assures readers that no matter what kind of family you have, every family is special in its own unique way.

Invite students to draw their family portrait and write about something really unique that makes them different from other families. Captions may include any one of the lines from the book:

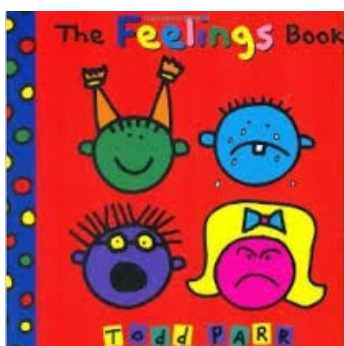
Some families like ...

Some families eat ...

Some families have ...

Some families live ...

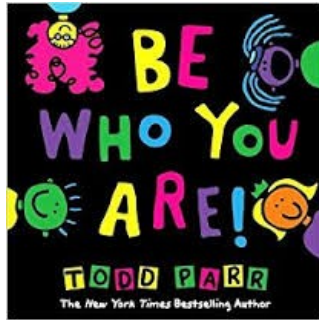
A bulletin board display will show ways in which families are similar and different.



*The Feelings Book* illustrates the wide range of moods we all experience. Kids will appreciate Todd Parr's quirky intelligence as he pays special attention to the ever-changing, sometimes nonsensical emotions that we all feel. This book will inspire kids to discuss their multitude of feelings in a kid-friendly, accessible format, told through Parr's trademark bold, bright colors and silly scenes.

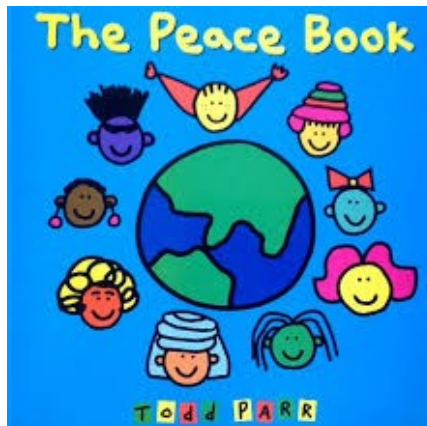
Understanding the feelings of others can be a difficult thing for some students. Body language cues are sometimes missed. Students will learn to read these signals a little better when asked to infer the emotions a classmate is acting out. As they guess you can also teach them they are making an inference!

EVIDENCE + THINKING = AN INFERENCE



Who better than Todd Parr to remind kids that their unique traits are what make them so special? With his signature silly and accessible style, Parr encourages readers to embrace all their unique qualities .

After reading this book, seize the opportunity for the children in your class to pay a compliment to others by noticing what makes each person special and unique.



*The Peace Book* delivers positive and hopeful messages of peace in an accessible, child-friendly format featuring Todd Parr's trademark bold, bright colors and silly scenes. Perfect for the youngest readers, this book delivers a timely and timeless message about the importance of friendship, caring, and acceptance.

Encourage students to notice acts of peace in their classroom, around the school , in their community and in their homes. The best writing is always filled with details. A friend of mind once said, "Writers notice what other people miss." With a few carefully generated examples under their belts, students will understand the task at hand and how important it is in life to pay attention to those little things that make a big difference.



The first day of school is both scary and exciting for Otto. At first, he is very nervous, but then he realizes how much fun school can be. Otto learns all kinds of things - how to share his toys, how to play games, and even how to remember that shoes are for wearing, not for eating. (Silly Otto!)

Brainstorm a list of things that kids loved about the first day of school or what they love about school everyday. Noticing and naming what's right with the school day helps a child's brain focus on positive aspects of their day. We want this kind of attitude to be part of the lives of our children.



*It's Okay to Be Different* cleverly delivers the important messages of acceptance, understanding, and confidence in an accessible, child-friendly format featuring Todd Parr's trademark bold, bright colors and silly scenes. Targeted to young children first beginning to read, this book will inspire kids to celebrate their individuality through acceptance of others and self-confidence.

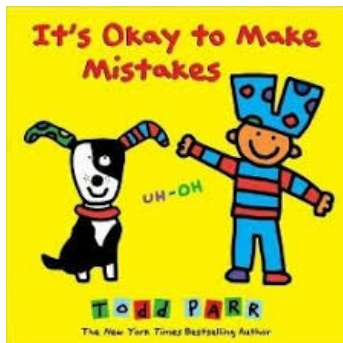
We're all unique and it's a really important life lesson to embrace and celebrate differences. What makes each one of us unique? When we figure that out, are we not seeing people for who they are and enjoying uniqueness.

Over a period of time, collect examples of uniqueness on a class chart. Noticing each personal attribute in a positive way, will set the stage for a fabulous class book ... It's okay to be different!



With his signature blend of playfulness and sensitivity, Todd Parr explores the subject of all things scary and assures readers that all of us are afraid sometimes.

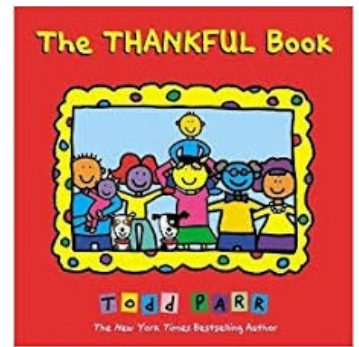
After reading this book, co-create a list of things that make us scared. Beside each item, brainstorm ways to make those scary thoughts go away. Create a class book in which students have a page that says, "Sometimes I'm scared... I'm not scared when ..."



Todd Parr's bestselling books have reminded kids to embrace differences, to be thankful, to love one another, and to be themselves. *It's Okay to Make Mistakes* embraces life's happy accidents, the mistakes and mess-ups that can lead to self discovery.

We can view mistakes as an oops, or as an opportunity to learn. Gather examples of mistakes (in the most sensitive ways), honour them, brainstorm the positive aspect of mistakes and create a class book that honours these misunderstood bloopers in life!

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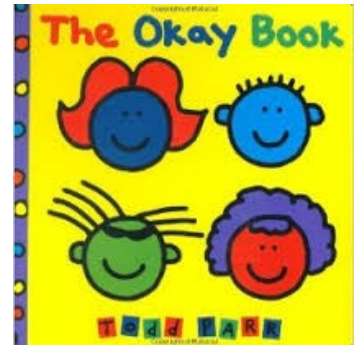
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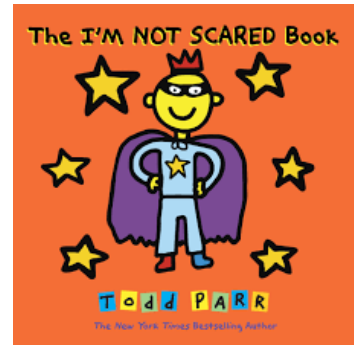
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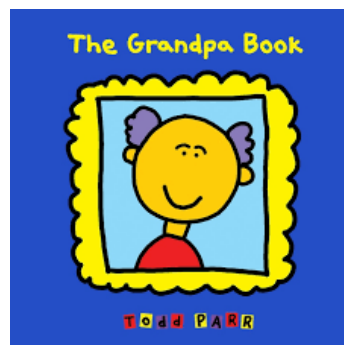
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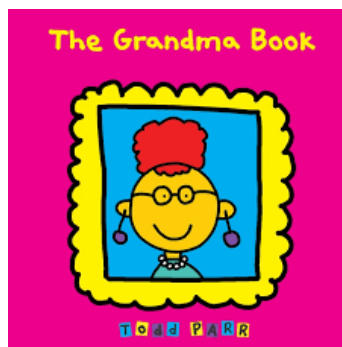
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My Grandma ...

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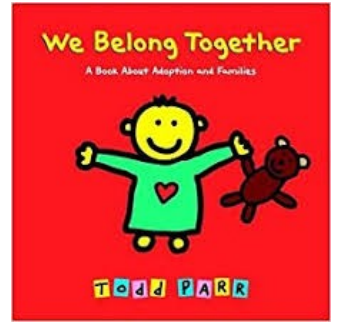
My Special elder ...

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We belong together because you need ...

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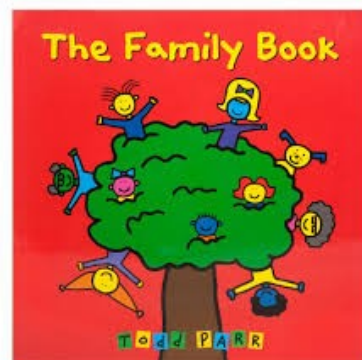
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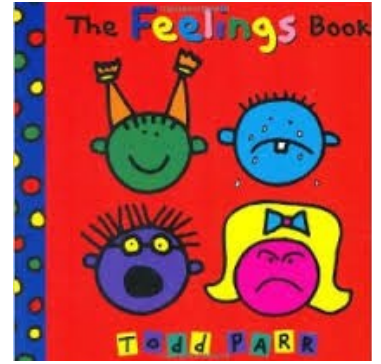


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Evidence + My Thinking = an Inference

E.g. When my bottom lip quivers, it means I am about to cry.  
I'm upset.

When my eyebrows are raised, it means I'm wondering about  
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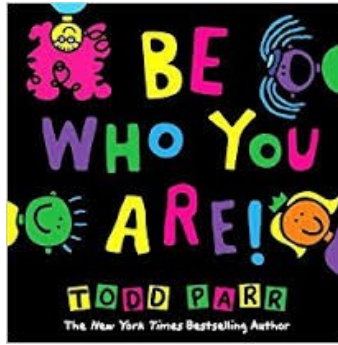
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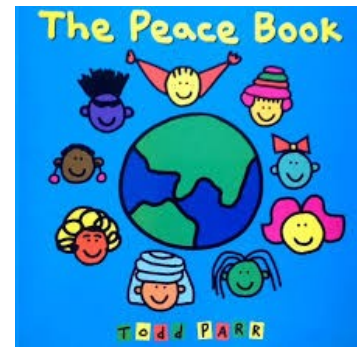


This page celebrates the best of

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Your classmates have noticed that  
you ...

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Peace is ...

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It's okay to ...

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