My Heart by Corinna Luyken.

E LUYKEN

A gorgeous picture book about caring for one's own heart and living with kindness and empathy.

The Little Red Fort by Brenda Maier.

E MAIER

In this adaptation of the Little Red Hen, Ruby wants to build a fort, but her three brothers refuse to help, so when the fort is finished Ruby will not let them join her - until the boys come up with a few embellishments for the fort, like a mailbox, a garden, and a fresh coat of paint.

Goodnight, Veggies by Diana Murray.

E MURRAY

Invites the reader to a community garden where potatoes close their eyes, cabbages nod their heads, and corn covers its ears to go to sleep.

Hike by Pete Oswald.

E OSWALD

In the cool and quiet early light of morning, a father and child wake up. Today they're going on a hike. Follow the duo into the mountains as they witness the magic of the wilderness, overcome challenges, and play a small role in the survival of the forest.

Summer Supper by Rubin Pfeffer.

E PFEFFE

Shovel, sow, seed, snack: learn how food goes from farm to table in this alliterative, vibrantly colored tale.

Puppy Truck by Brian Pinkney.

E PINKNE

Carter wants a puppy, but he gets a truck instead. So he pets it, puts a leash around it, and takes it to the park.

All Kinds of People by Shelly Rotner.

BB ROTNER

Vibrant photographs will inspire young readers to notice that people come in lots of shades in this introduction to racial and ethnic diversity.

Tiny T. Rex and the Impossible Hug by Jonathan Stutzman.

ESTUTZM

Tiny T. Rex is determined to master hugging, despite having small arms.

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Rain! by Linda Ashman.

E ASHMAN

As an old man grumbles his way through a rainy morning, spreading gloom, his neighbor, a young child, spreads cheer while hopping through puddles in frog-themed rainwear.

Whose Knees Are These? by Jabari Asim.

BB ASIM

Takes a loving look at knees from the vantage point of a mother's lap.

You Are Light by Aaron Becker.

BB BECKER

Follows light as it reflects off the earth to warm our faces, draws up the sea to make the rain, feeds all the things that grow, and helps to create all the brilliant wonders of the world, including ourselves.

Kindness Makes Us Strong by Sophie Beer.

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Shows various children as they extend kindness in all kinds of situations: on the playground, at lunchtime, on a bike path, and on a neighborhood street.

The Mermaid by Jan Brett.

E BRETT

This retelling of Goldilocks and the Three Bears stars Kiniro, a mermaid, who finds a baby octopus's breakfast, chair, and bed just right. I Love My Tutu Too! by Ross Burach.

BB BURACH

Bear, penguin, and toucan are just some of the ten animals who are wearing their tutus today.

Hair Love by Matthew Cherry.

E CHERRY

A little girl's daddy steps in to help her arrange her curly, coiling, wild hair into styles that allow her to be her natural, beautiful self.

Littles: And How They Grow by Kelly DiPucchio.

E DIPUCC

From swaddles to school buses, celebrate everyday cherished moments in the lives of growing children.

Tomorrow Most Likely by Dave Eggers.

E EGGERS

In this book exploring how soothing and exciting anticipation can be, a child imagines all the adventures he'll "most likely" have in the city tomorrow.

Glad, Glad Bear by Kimberly Gee.

E GEE

Bear is very glad about going to ballet class today, gets somewhat anxious before the music starts, then joyously begins to dance.

Stack the Cats by Susie Ghahremani.

E GHAHRE

A counting book illustrating how a group of cats can be organized into different size groupings.

Red House, Tree House, Little Bitty Brown Mouse by Jane Godwin.

E GODWIN

In this rhyming story, a young mouse makes her way around the world, discovering colors, vehicles, animals, and numbers.

Swim, Swim, Sink by Jenn Harney.

E HARNEY

When one little duck keeps sinking, it relies on duckling ingenuity to stay afloat.

A Parade of Elephants by Kevin Henkes.

E HENKES

Five elephants are on a mission, marching from dawn to dusk, up and down, through and around in this colorful concept book.

Where's Baby? by Anne Hunter.

E HUNTER

Papa Fox is looking for Baby Fox, who is just out of his sight. In this clever introduction to prepositions, a near-sighted Papa is looking for his baby. Is Baby up in the tree? Is Baby under the log? Is Baby around the corner? Where could Baby be?

My Ocean is Blue by Darren Labeauf.

E LABEAU

A girl explores every facet of the ocean during a day at the beach.