

# Making Connections

Strategy	Title	Author	Theme
	<b>Tight Times</b>	Barbara Shook Hazen	
Prior-K	<b>Animals Asleep</b>	Sneed B. Collard III	Animals
T-T-S	<b>Near the Window Tree (Poems)</b> Thirty-two poems with notes explaining some of the author's procreative thoughts.	Karla Kuskin	
T-T-S	<b>Birthday Presents</b> In this joyous celebration of family love, a little girl is told about each of her birthdays from the moment of her birth until she is six.	Cynthia Rylant	Birthday
T-T-S	<b>Some Birthday!</b> The entire family has forgotten Patricia's birthday. And to make matters worse, Dad has proposed an evening trip to the Clay Pit at the edge of town--"one of the scariest places on earth."	Patricia Polacco	Birthday
T-T-S	<b>The Lemon Sisters</b> On her 80th birthday, a woman watches three young sisters play outside in the snow, remembers good times with her own sisters, and receives several birthday surprises. Includes a simple recipe for making lemon ice with snow.	Andrea Cheang	Birthday
T-T-S	<b>Who Needs Friends</b> A boy is pleasantly surprised that his friends remember his birthday	Christine Taylor-Butler	Birthday
T-T-S	<b>Bootsie Barker Bites</b> Bootsie Barker only wants to play games in which she bites, until one day her friend comes up with a better game.	Barbara Bottner	Bullies
T-T-S	<b>Goggles</b> Two boys must outsmart the neighborhood bullies before they can enjoy their new treasure, a pair of lensless motorcycle goggles.	Ezra Jack Keats	Bullies

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T-T-S	<p><b>Hazel's Amazing Mother</b></p> <p>When Hazel and her beloved doll Eleanor are set upon by bullies, Hazel's mother comes to the rescue in a surprising way.</p>	Rosemary Wells	Bullies
T-T-S	<p><b>Myrtle</b></p> <p>With the help of her favorite Aunt Tizzy, Myrtle learns to overcome her fear of the mean next-door neighbor.</p>	Tracey C. Pearson	Bullies
T-T-S	<p><b>The Recess Queen</b></p> <p>Mean Jean is the biggest bully on the school playground until a new girl arrives and challenges Jean's status as the Recess Queen.</p>	Alex O'Neill	Bullies
T-T-S	<p><b>Chrysanthemum</b></p> <p>Chrysanthemum loves her name, until she starts going to school and the other children make fun of it.</p>	Kevin Henkes	Confidence
T-T-S	<p><b>Earrings</b></p> <p>A young girl uses various arguments to convince her parents to let her have her ears pierced.</p>	Judith Viorst	Confidence
T-T-S	<p><b>I Am Smart</b></p> <p>Although he is skinny and bookish and acts differently than other children, a young boy focuses on all the good things that make him special.</p>	Christine Taylor-Butler	Confidence
T-T-S	<p><b>Star of the Week</b></p> <p>Excited about being "star of the week" at school, Stanley spends a lot of time choosing and preparing his favorite things to share, but becomes discouraged when his classmates make fun of what he likes.</p>	Barney Saltzberg	Confidence
T-T-S	<p><b>The Dot</b></p> <p>Vashti believes that she cannot draw, but her art teacher's encouragement leads her to change her mind.</p>	Peter H. Reynolds	Confidence

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T-T-S	<p><b>The Good-Bye Book</b></p> <p>A child, on the verge of being left behind by parents who are going out for the evening, comes up with a variety of pleas and excuses.</p>	Judith Viorst	Coping - Alone
T-T-S	<p>Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible..</p> <p>On a day when everything goes wrong for him, Alexander is consoled by the thought that other people have bad days too.</p>	Judith Viorst	Coping – Bad Day
T-T-S	<p><b>Getting Through Thursday</b></p> <p>Since money is tight on Thursdays, the day before his mother's payday, Andre is upset when he realizes that his report card and the promised celebration for making the honor roll will come on a Thursday.</p>	Melrose Cooper	Coping – Disappointment
T-T-S	<p><b>Lilly’s Purple Plastic Purse</b></p> <p>Lilly loves everything about school, especially her teacher, but when he asks her to wait a while before showing her new purse, she does something for which she is very sorry later.</p>	Kevin Henkes	Coping – Disappointment
T-T-S	<p><b>A Place for Ben</b></p> <p>When his baby brother is moved into his bedroom, Ben goes elsewhere in search of a place of his own but finds himself longing for company of some kind.</p>	Jeanne Titherington	Coping – Siblings
T-T-S	<p><b>Julius Baby of the World</b></p> <p>Lilly is convinced that the arrival of her new baby brother is the worst thing that has happened in their house, until Cousin Garland comes to visit.</p>	Kevin Henkes	Coping – Siblings
T-T-S	<p><b>Koala Lou</b></p> <p>A young koala, longing to hear her mother speak lovingly to her as she did before other children came along, plans to win her distracted parent's attention.</p>	Mem Fox	Coping – Siblings

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T-T-S	<p><b>Brave Irene</b></p> <p>Plucky Irene, a dressmaker's daughter, braves a fierce snowstorm to deliver a new gown to the duchess in time for the ball.</p>	William Steig	Courage
T-T-S	<p><b>Owen</b></p> <p>Owen's parents try to get him to give up his favorite blanket before he starts school, but when their efforts fail, they come up with a solution that makes everyone happy.</p>	Kevin Henkes	Courage
T-T-S	<p><b>Sheila the Brave</b></p> <p>When brave Sheila Rae, who usually looks out for her sister Louise, becomes lost and scared one day, Louise comes to the rescue</p>	Kevin Henkes	Courage
T-T-S	<p><b>The Snowy Day</b></p> <p>The adventures of a little boy in the city on a very snowy day.</p>	Ezra Jack Keats	Courage
T-T-S	<p><b>Wimberley Worried</b></p> <p>A mouse named Wemberly, who worries about everything, finds that she has a whole list of things to worry about when she faces the first day of nursery school.</p>	Kevin Henkes	Courage
T-T-S	<p><b>The Tenth Good Thing About Barney</b></p> <p>In an attempt to overcome his grief, a boy tries to think of the ten best things about his dead cat</p>	Judith Viorst	Death
T-T-S	<p><b>Oliver Button is a Sissy</b></p> <p>His classmates' taunts don't stop Oliver Button from doing what he likes best.</p>	Tomie DePaola	Difference
T-T-S	<p><b>It's Okay to Be Different</b></p> <p>Illustrations and brief text describe all kinds of differences that are "okay," such as "It's Okay to be a different color," "It's Okay to need some help," "It's Okay to be adopted," and "It's Okay to have a Different nose."</p>	Todd Parr	Differences

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T-T-S	<p><b>Rosie and Michael</b></p> <p>Two friends tell what they like about each other--even the bad things.</p>	Judith Viorst	Differences Friendship
T-T-S	<p><b>William's Doll</b></p> <p>William's father gives him a basketball and a train but these do not make him want a doll less</p>	Charlotte Zolotow	Differences
T-T-S	<p><b>The Keeping Quilt</b></p> <p>A homemade quilt ties together the lives of four generations of an immigrant Jewish family, remaining a symbol of their enduring love and faith.</p>	Patricia Polacco	Family
T-T-S	<p><b>Nana Upstairs, Nana Downstairs</b></p> <p>A small boy enjoys his relationship with his grandmother and his great-grandmother, but he learns to face their inevitable death.</p>	Tomie DePaola	Family – Grandparents
T-T-S	<p><b>Now One Foot, Now the Other</b></p> <p>When his grandfather suffers a stroke, Bobby teaches him to walk, just as his grandfather had once taught him.</p>	Tomie DePaola	Family – Grandparents
T-T-S	<p><b>The Relatives Came</b></p> <p>The relatives come to visit from Virginia and everyone has a wonderful time.</p>	Cynthia Rylant	Family – Relatives
T-T-S	<p><b>The Pain and the Great One</b></p> <p>A six-year-old (The Pain) and his eight-year-old sister (The Great One) see each other as troublemakers and the best-loved in the family.</p>	Judy Blume	Family – Siblings
T-T-S	<p><b>What Are You So Grumpy About</b></p> <p>A collection of cartoons that present various reasons for being grumpy, such as eating "grown-up" cereal, getting a boring birthday present, doing chores, and being touched by your brother or sister.</p>	Tom Lichtenheld	Feelings

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T-T-S	<p><b>Amos and Boris</b></p> <p>Befriended by a whale as he is drowning in the ocean, a mouse gets a chance to reciprocate years later in an equally unlikely situation.</p>	William Steig	Friendship
T-T-S	<p><b>Chester's Way</b></p> <p>Chester and Wilson share the same exact way of doing things, until Lilly moves into the neighborhood and shows them that new ways can be just as good.</p>	Kevin Henkes	Friendship (Celebrating Differences)
T-T-S	<p><b>Days with Frog and Toad</b></p> <p>Frog and Toad spend their days together, but find sometimes it's nice to be alone.</p>	Arnold Lobel	Friendship
T-T-S	<p><b>Frog and Toad All Year</b></p> <p>Two friends share experiences in each season of the year.</p>	Arnold Lobel	Friendship
T-T-S	<p><b>Frog and Toad Are Friends</b></p> <p>Five tales recounting the adventures of two best friends - Frog and Toad.</p>	Arnold Lobel	Friendship
T-T-S	<p><b>Frog and Toad Together</b></p> <p>Five further adventures of two best friends as they share cookies, plant a garden, and test their bravery.</p>	Arnold Lobel	Friendship Courage
T-T-S	<p><b>I Know a Lady</b></p> <p>Sally describes a loving and lovable old lady in her neighborhood who grows flowers, waves to children when they pass her house, and bakes cookies for them at Christmas.</p>	Charlotte Zolotow	Friendship
T-T-S	<p><b>Mrs. Katz and Tush</b></p> <p>A long-lasting friendship develops between Larnel, a young African-American, and Mrs. Katz, a lonely Jewish widow, when Larnel presents Mrs. Katz with a scrawny kitten without a tail.</p>	Patricia Polacco	Friendship

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T-T-S	<b>My Great-Aunt Arizona</b> An Appalachian girl, Arizona Houston Hughes, grows up to become a teacher who influences generations of schoolchildren.	Floria Houston	Perseverance
T-T-S	<b>My Rotten Red Headed Older Brother</b> After losing running, climbing, throwing, and burping competitions to her obnoxious older brother, a young girl makes a wish on a falling star.	Patricia Polacco	Perseverance Coping – Dealing with disappointment
T-T-S	<b>Pumpkin Jack</b> In the course of one year, a jack-o-lantern, discarded after Halloween, decomposes in the backyard and eventually grows new pumpkins from its seeds.	Hubbell	Plants
T-T-S	<b>Ira Sleeps Over</b> Ira is thrilled to spend the night at Reggie's, until his sister raises the question of whether he should take his teddy bear.	Bernard Waber	Sleep Overs
T-T-S	<b>Chicken Sunday</b> To thank Miss Eula for her wonderful Sunday chicken dinners, three children sell decorated eggs to buy her a beautiful Easter hat.	Patricia Polacco	Thanks

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T-T-T	Piggie Pie	Margie Palatini	
	Zoom Broom	Margie Palatini	
T-T-T	Oliver Button is a Sissy	Tomie dePaola	
	Williams's Doll	Charlotte Zolotow	
T-T-T	Julius Baby of the World	Kevin Henkes	
	Owen	Kevin Henkes	

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	The Pain and the Great One	Judy Blume	
T-T-T	The Two of Them	Aliki	
	Now One Foot, Now the Other	Tomie dePaola	
T-T-T	Two Close Friends	Lambert	
	Why Are You Fighting, Davy?	Weninger	

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T-T-T	A Day's Work	Eve Bunting	
T-T-T	Fly Away Home	Eve Bunting	
T-T-T	Smoky Night	Eve Bunting	

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T-T-W	A Picnic in October	Eve Bunting	
T-T-W	Baseball Saved Us	Kevin Mochizuki	
T-T-W	Call Back Mountain	Even Bunting	
T-T-W	Fly Away Home	Eve Bunting	
T-T-W	Gleam and Glow	Eve Bunting	
T-T-W	Lorax	Dr. Seuss	
T-T-W	New York's Bravest	Mary Pope Osborne	
T-T-W	Night in the Country	Cynthia Rylant	
T-T-W	Roxaboxen	Alice McLerran	
T-T-W	Smoky Night	Eve Bunting	
T-T-W	Someday a Tree	Eve Bunting	
T-T-W	The Great Kapok Tree	Lynne Cherry	
T-T-W	The Lotus Seed	Sherry Garland	



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T-T-W	The Other Side	Jacqueline Woodson	
T-T-W	The River Runs Wild	Lynne Cherry	
T-T-W	The Wall	Eve Bunting	
T-T-W	War Boy	Foreman	
T-T-W	What a Wonderful World	George D. Weiss	

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T-T-W	<p><b>Going Home</b></p> <p>Although a Mexican family comes to the United States to work as farm laborers so that their children will have opportunities, the parents still consider Mexico their home.</p>	Eve Bunting	
T-T-W	<p><b>I Hate English</b></p> <p>Mei Mei, a bright and articulate immigrant from Hong Kong, is having much difficulty adjusting to the new language and culture at school in New York City. When she hears a story in English about traveling by covered wagon, Mei Mei cries. "She didn't want English to have words that she didn't know in Chinese. . . . She felt she might lose something." A sensitive teacher takes Mei Mei under her wing, literally bombarding the girl with words, and succeeds in breaking through her fear of losing her identity.</p>	Ellen Levine	
T-T-W	<p><b>Fireflies!</b></p> <p>A young boy is proud of having caught a jar full of fireflies, which seems to him like owning a piece of moonlight, but as the light begins to dim he realizes he must set the insects free or they will die.</p>	Julie Brinckloe	Animal Habits

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T-T-W	<p><b>All Those Secrets of the World</b></p> <p>When four-year-old Janie's father goes off to war, the rest of the family moves to the grandparents' on the Chesapeake Bay, where Janie learns a secret of the world which helps her understand her father's long absence.</p>	Jane Yolen	War

T-T-S      Text-to-Self  
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