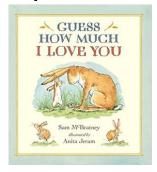


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READING SUGGESTIONS FOR FAMILY LITERACY WEEK

Guess How Much I Love You by Sam McBratney, illustrated by Anita Jeram (Ages 0-2)



Sometimes, when you love someone very, very much, you want to find a way of describing how much you treasure them. But, as Little Nutbrown Hare and Big Nutbrown Hare discover, love is not an easy thing to measure! This timelessly endearing story has captured the deep and tender bond between parent and child. Guess How Much I Love You is one of the world's best-loved picture books.

The Pocket Mommy by Rachel Eugster, illustrated by Tom Goldsmith (Ages 2-7)



Saying goodbye to Mom at the kindergarten door can be tough. Samuel hates it and wishes he could have a tiny, pocket-sized mommy to carry around with him all day. His mom slips a pretend mommy into his pocket, and when she comes to life, Samuel is delighted . . . at first. But he soon discovers that having a mom along in kindergarten is not as much fun as he thought it would be.

Mama, Will You Hold My Hand? by Anna Pignataro (Ages 3-5)



"Mama, will you hold my hand?" Sammy asks as the sun sets. "I'll hold your hand and you'll hold mine," Mama responds. Mama and Sammy travel over slippery places, through wavy waters, and to the brightest star...with the reassurance that they will always be together, no matter what.

The Littlest Family's Big Day by Emily Winfield Martin (Ages 3-7)

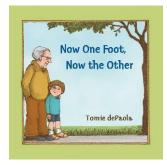


The cutest and littlest bear family you have ever seen just moved into a new tree in the woods with their adopted teeny tiny fox tot. They set out on a fun adventure, getting a little lost, but making a fabulous collection of new friends along the way.



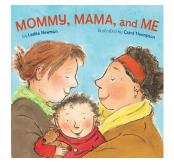
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Now One Foot, Now the Other by Tomie dePaola (Ages 5-8)



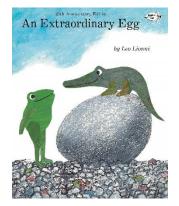
This touching story about a young boy coping with his grandfather's disability has long been one of Tomie dePaola's most popular picture books. Readers of all ages will love to watch Grandpa Bob teach Bobby to walk, and how Bobby returns the favor when Bob has a stroke, all in beautifully rich full color.

Mommy, Mama, and Me by Lesléa Newman, illustrated by Carol Thompson (Ages 3-7)



Rhythmic text and illustrations with universal appeal show a toddler spending the day with its mommies. From hide-and-seek to dress-up, then bath time and a kiss goodnight, there is no limit to what a loving family can do together. Share the loving bond between samesex parents and their children in this heartwarming story of family.

An Extraordinary Egg by Leo Lionni (Ages 4-8)



It's an extraordinary day on Pebble Island for three frogs when one of them discovers a beautiful white egg. They've never seen a chicken egg before, but they're sure that's what this must be. So, when the egg hatches and out crawls a long green, scaly creature, they naturally call it . . . a chicken! Here's a hilarious case of mistaken identity that children are sure to delight in.