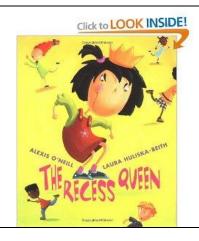
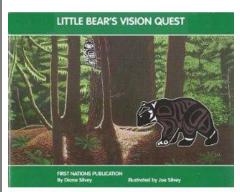
## **Books to support KELSET beliefs**



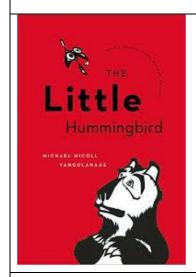
A schoolyard bully is enlightened by the new kid in class in this lively story about the power of kindness and friendship.

FOCUS PAGE starts with: Then from the side a kid called out, "Go Jean, Go"! And too surprised to even shout, Jean jumped in with Katie Sue.



Little Bear is selfish and inconsiderate of others. He learns to value the traditions of his ancestors and through the daily ritual of cleansing himself becomes in tune with nature.

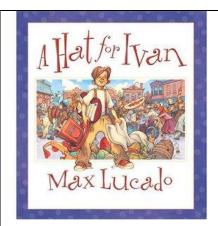
FOCUS PAGE: "I realize now that I was unkind and cruel to my friends. If I am to have friends, I must treat them as I would like to be treated – with love, kindness and respect."



This is based on a South American indigenous story about a courageous hummingbird who defies fear and expectations in her attempt to save the forest from fire. It is supplemented by a natural and cultural history of hummingbirds, as well as an inspiring message from Nobel Peace Prize winner Wangari Maathai.

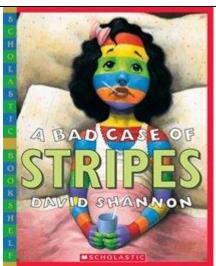
FOCUS PAGE: Little Hummingbird looked at the other animals. She said, "I'm doing everything I can."

I used this with Grade 2 students to demonstrate how everyone in a community is an individual. Each person wears a 'just



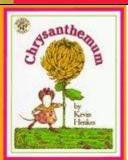
right' hat to suit them. Ivan's dad, the hat maker, eventually makes the perfect hat for Ivan. As a follow-up activity, I helped a small group of students make hats to reflect their interests. It was a very powerful visual of how a community is made up of all sorts of people.

FOCUS PAGE on last page: "I'm the hatmaker, Ivan. I have seen what happens when people wear hats they weren't intended to wear."



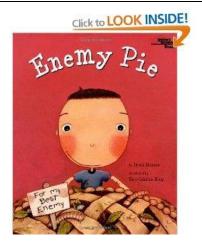
Camilla Cream cares what other people think of her. It starts when she won't eat lima beans because it isn't cool. She breaks out into stripes. Experts try to help her but because she is still trying to please other people, it just gets worse. Finally, a wise woman convinces her to eat lima beans and be herself.

FOCUS PAGE starts with: She went into Camilla's room and looked around. "My goodness," she said with a sake of her head.



The teacher has to step in to support Chrysanthemum when the kids are picking on her. This book follows my theme of bystanders make a difference.

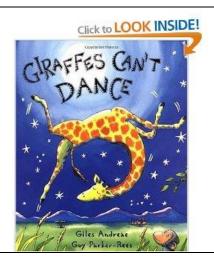
FOCUS PAGE starts: "My name is long," said Mrs. Twinkle.
"It is?" said Jo.



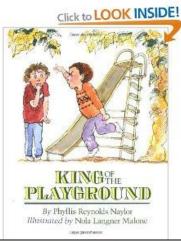
It was the perfect summer. That is, until Jeremy Ross moved into the house down the street and became neighborhood enemy number one. Luckily Dad had a surefire way to get rid of enemies: Enemy Pie. But part of the secret recipe is spending an entire day playing with the enemy!

In this funny yet endearing story, one little boy learns an effective recipes for turning your best enemy into your best friend. Accompanied by charming illustrations, Enemy Pie serves up a sweet lesson in the difficulties and ultimate rewards of making new friends.

FOCUS PAGE starts with: "Jeremy, don't it it. It's a bad pie."



All the jungle animals can dance beautifully. But Giraffe just looks awkward dancing. Finally, a small creature shows him he just needs to find a way to be himself. It turns out Giraffes CAN dance.

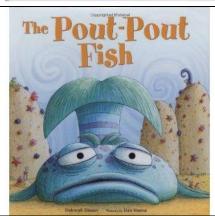


A boy is afraid to go to the park because the bully will get him. The father helps the boy to see he can change his point of view. The boy eventually loses his fear and ends up playing with the 'bully'.



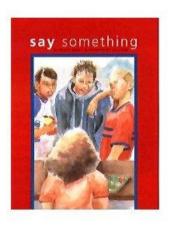
Red picks on Blue while the other colours just watch. Then 1 comes along and finally stands up to Red. Soon Red has no power over the other colours. A great book about how the power of one can influence others.

FOCUS PAGE starts with: Blue called out, "Can Red be hot AND blue be cool?"

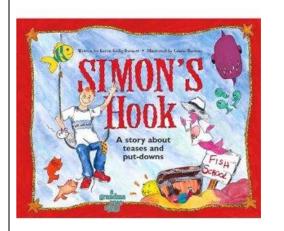


Witty rhyming book about a fish who is confronted by many sea creatures who wonder why Mr. Fish is so pouty. A silver fish comes up and kisses him and Mr. Fish discovers he's really a kissy fish! Kids LOVE this book.

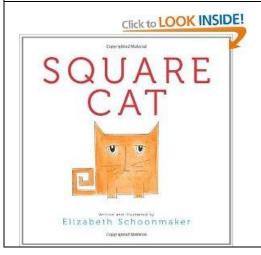
FOCUS PAGE starts with: She plants a kiss upon his pout and then she swims away."



What should you do when you see someone treated unfairly? Take a risk and speak up or just keep quiet?

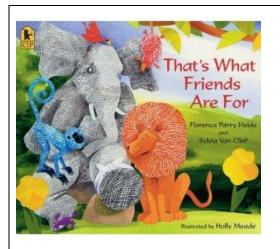


Used as a parent or teacher resource, this book shows kids how to handle teasing by not 'taking the hook' when someone tries to bait them with a put down. Excellent illustrations will help children visualize how they can make a choice to ignore the teasing.



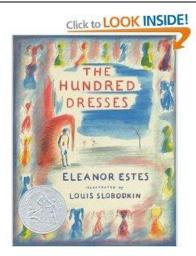
Square Cat is not round and is not happy. Square Cat's friends first try to make SC rounder by doing and eating round things. Finally, SC's friends discover that celebrating Square Cat's squareness is a much better solution.

FOCUS PAGE starts with: That gave Patsy and Maude an idea. They slipped into a box.

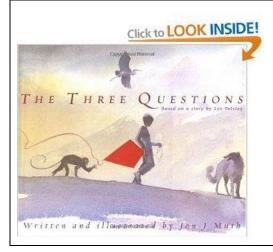


Along the lines of The Very Cranky Bear, this book shows how different friends give advice to Elephant based on what works for them. In the end, a very special friend realizes that one must think of what might work for Elephant.

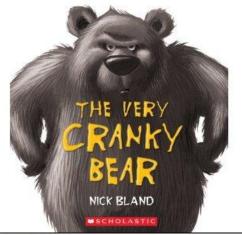
FOCUS PAGE starts with: "What's all the noise?" the opossum asks.



Never out of print since its 1944 publication, this tender story offers readers of all ages a timeless message of compassion and understanding. At its heart is Wanda Petronski, an immigrant girl in an American school, who is ridiculed for wearing the same faded blue dress every day. When she tells her classmates that she has one hundred dresses at home, she unwittingly triggers a game of teasing that eventually ends in a lesson for all.

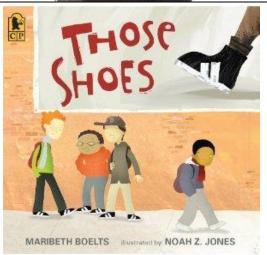


Tolstoy's short story is put into an easy to understand story using animals. After reading this story, I read Tolstoy's version and students are able to find the similarities.



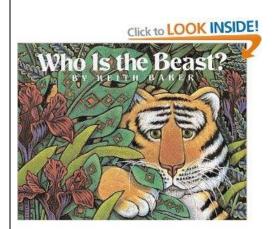
Bear gets some 'help' from Moose, Lion, and Zebra. This causes Bear to become cranky. Sheep, who has been quietly watching, recognizes what Bear needs. Sheep helps Bear solve his problem.

FOCUS PAGE starts with: "So Sheep fetched a pair of clippers and she clipped off half her wool"



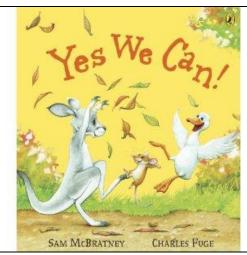
Jeremy wants the expensive sneakers all the other kids have, but his grandmother has no money to pay for them. When they find a too-small pair at a thrift shop, Jeremy still has to have them. Then Jeremy meets a younger child who needs a pair of shoes and Jeremy comes to understand the difference between 'needs' and 'wants'. He also learns what compassion means.

FOCUS PAGE starts with: That night I am awake for a long time thinking about Antonio. When morning comes, I try on my shoes one last time.



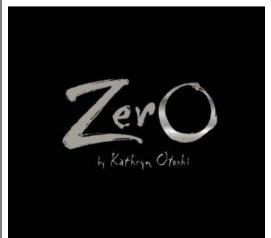
The jungle creatures are terrified of the tiger! He is so different and scary. But what does tiger see? He sees the similarities between the creatures and himself. "We all are beasts." Older elementary students will figure it out, younger students will need a little prompting.

ACTIVITY: Before reading the book, show optical illusions showing two sides to a picture. After reading the book, ask how optical illusions and the book are similar.



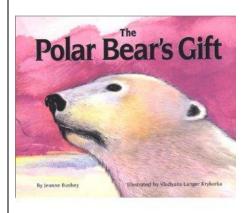
Three friends start picking on each other because they can't do what the other animal can. The momma roo steps in and gets them to finding things they can do.

FOCUS PAGE starts with: It was true. No one likes to be laughed at. "Why don't you show each other what you CAN do? Said Roo's mum.



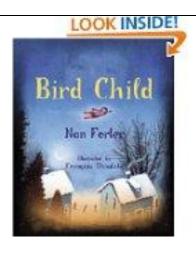
While 'One' teaches how to be a group member, 'Zero' deals with self-concept and the value of a person. Beautifully written.

FOCUS PAGE starts with: "It's what's inside that counts most," pointed out Seven. Zero looked at herself. "But ... what if I don't have anything inside?"
"Every number has value," said Seven.



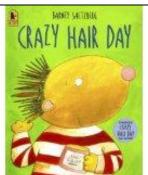
Pani, a young inuit girl, is being raised by her grandmother because her parents died when they were hunting polar bears (Nanook). Grandmother teaches Pani how to fish with her mother's lure, but Pani wants to be a hunter. Pani comes upon an injured polar bear cub and must decide whether to let it die or help it. The result of her decision will change her life forever.

Discuss: How does helping someone else make our life better?



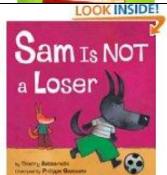
Eliza's mother has given Eliza the gift of imagining the possibilities. Eliza watches as Lainey, a new girl, is picked on by the other children. Lainey stops drawing beautiful pictures and turns into a sad girl. With her mother's encouragement, Eliza steps in, befriends Eliza, and stops the kids from picking on her. This book not only demonstrates the power of a bystander, but also how the crowd can be mobilized to turn a situation around.

FOCUS PAGE starts with: The boy form stop number three raced over to her and snatched her red woollen hat.



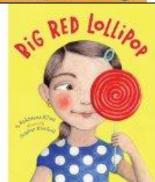
Stanley Birdbaum shows up to school with his hair all done up for Crazy Hair Day. Except today is Class Picture Day! While Stanley is mortified, the class comes to his rescue in a kind and compassionate way.

FOCUS PAGE starts with: "This, he said, "is going to be a day...



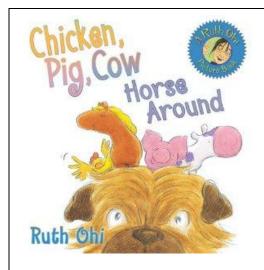
Sam is NOT a loser because Sam only likes to win. He only wants to play games where he knows he can win. He's a sore loser. Sam's grandmother reminds him that enjoying the game is most important.

FOCUS PAGE 20 "Why aren't you at soccer today?" Granma asks.



Rubina's mother, Ami, insists that she bring her little sister to a birthday party Rubina was invited to. Rubina doesn't say anthing, just takes Sana. Sana ruins the party and eats the lollipop Rubina got at the party. When Sana is invited to a party and Ami insists the youngest sister go along, Rubina steps in and tells her mom not to ruin Ami's

	chance for friendships.
	FOCUS PAGE starts with: Now it's Sana's turn to beg and plead. Ami won't listen. Sana's begging so hard she's crying, but still Ami won't listen.
SO CLOSE  N TALL COLOMBO	These two animals pass each other every day, yet never acknowledge each other. Because of this, they miss the opportunity to know each other. I would use this book to show students how we build a school community though acknowledging each other in the hallways or outside.
N MUN COLUMBO	FOCUS PAGE last pages: What a difference One little word could make. Hello.
One of Us	Roberta is new to the school. She finds each group she joins very limiting. Finally she is invited into a group who loves diversity, which is a perfect fit for Roberta.  FOCUS PAGE starts with: "Oh-," Anna said, very slowly. "So you're one of US."
CHESTERS WAY BY REVEN BENKES	What happens when a new friend tries to join a group of two? It's tricky to be in a group of 3 friends. It's also hard to find a book about working through this problem. This is that book!



Chicken, Pig and Cow are very happy together in their barn, so not everyone is pleased when Horse arrives. Horse is clever and strong, but, as Chicken points out, he also takes up a lot of space.

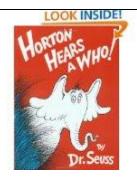
When Chicken suggests they play a game of hide-and-seek, Horse merrily trots off. But when he disappears, a frantic search ensues. Horse is nowhere to be found -- until Chicken finally spots him inside the fishbowl. Feeling guilty, Chicken jumps in to save him, only to realize that Horse is actually outside the bowl. So who will save Chicken? All ends well when Pig, Cow and Horse -- with the help of Dog -- team up to rescue their friend.

The adorable toy characters Chicken, Pig and Cow (and real-life Dog) continue to delight young children with their charming adventures and subtle messages about friendship, acceptance and working together.

Focus Page starts with: "There was no game," said Chicken. "I'm sorry for the trick. You are very brave."

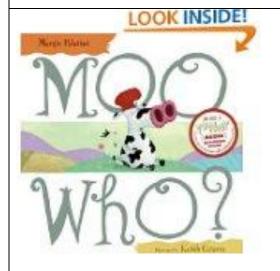


Ut, a Vietnamese girl attending school in the United States, lonely for her mother left behind in Vietnam, makes a new friend who presents her with a wonderful gift. FOCUS PAGE 24 starts with: The next day the principal read our story to the whole school.



Horton hears a cry for help from a speck of dust, and spends much of the book trying to protect the infinitesimal creatures who live on it from the derision and trickery of other animals, who think their elephant friend has gone quite nutty. But worse is in store: an eagle carries away the clover in which Horton has placed the life-bearing speck, and "let that small clover drop somewhere inside / of a great patch of clovers a hundred miles wide!" Horton wins in the end, after persuading the "Who's" to make as much noise as possible and prove their existence. This classic is not only fun, but a great way to introduce thoughtful children to essentially philosophical questions.

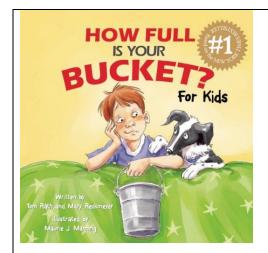
FOCUS PAGE starts with: And that Yopp... That one small, extra Yopp put it over!



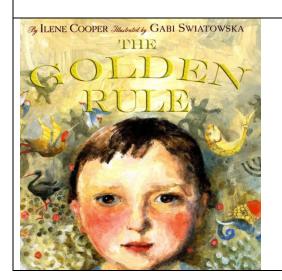
When Hilda the Heifer gets bonked on the noggin by a flying cow pie, she develops an ugly bump and amnesia. The ensuing story follows Hilda on her quest to find out just who she is, where she belongs, and exactly what sound she is supposed to emit. Hilda tries to adopt the identities of the other animals.. The mixed-up bovine stumbles her way to the realization that "mooing is what she should be doing

FOCUS PAGE starts with: The sun was setting as Hilda bounded across the meadow. The barnyard chorus was so excited they burst into song to greet her.





Through the story of a little boy named Felix, this charming book explains to children how being kind not only helps others, it helps them, too. As he goes about his day, Felix interacts with different people -- his sister Anna, his grandfather, other family and friends. Some people are happy, but others are grumpy or sad. Using the metaphor of a bucket and dipper, Felix' grandfather explains why the happy people make Felix feel good, while the others leave him feeling bad -- and how Felix himself is affecting others, whether he means to or not. This beautifully illustrated adaptation takes the original book's powerful message -- that the way we relate to others has a profound effect on every aspect of our lives -- and tailors it to a child's unique needs and level of understanding.



A grandfather explains to his grandson that the Golden Rule means you "treat people the way you would like to be treated. It's golden because it's so valuable, and a way of living your life that's so simple, it shines."

Take the Time Mindfulness for Kids  Maud Roegiers	This pensive and peaceful book encourages children to slow down and become deliberate with their day-to-day actions and thoughts.
What About the Bear?  Strame Bloom	Bear and Goose invite Fox to play. Fox wants to play games that exclude Bear. Goose finds a way to include both friends.  SUITABLE FOR VERY YOUNG STUDENTS
What Does It Mean To 1800 Present?  Rang Diorio Illustrated by Eliza Wheeler	This book defines the term and gives many examples of how it looks like in a school setting. Ties in nicely with being an engaged learner.
SAME SAME OUT DIFFERENT	Elliot lives in America, and Kailash lives in India. They are pen pals. By exchanging letters and pictures, they learn that they both love to climb trees, have pets, and go to school. Their worlds might look different, but they are actually similar. Same, same. But different!
Jerny Sue kostecki-Shaw	Through an inviting point-of-view and colorful, vivid illustrations, this story shows how two boys living oceans apart can be the

