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Book List on Positive Personal and Cultural Identity for Kindergarten Students

Title	Author/illustrator	Grade	Genre	Curricular connections	Brief plot
The Dim Sum Palace	Written and illustrated by X. Fang	K-3 grade	Fiction/Children's Literature	English/Language/Arts Cultural Identity	Liddy is so excited to get Dim Sum with her family the next morning that she has a very vivid dream of going to a palace and getting in all kinds of mischief.
A Bad Case of Stripes	David Shannon	K-3 grade	Fiction/Children's Literature	English/Language/Arts Personal Identity Social and Emotional Struggles	Camilla is a little girl that loves lima beans and is super nervous to start school. As an attempt to fit in, Camilla pretends and forces herself to hate lima beans and, in the process, weird things

					start to happen to her appearance.
Elijah's Super Halloween	Written by Heather Main and illustrated by Jazmine Gubbe	K-1 grade	Non-fiction/Children's Literature	English/Language/Arts Cultural identity/ Community Social and Emotional Struggles	Elijah, a young boy from Nunavut, can't wait to wear his special superhero costume on Halloween. But, a few nights before Halloween, there is a bear sighting in town and Elijah is no longer sure if he will be able to show off his costume.
Alma and How She Got Her Name	Juana Martinez-Neal	K-3 grade	Fiction/Children's Literature	English/Language/Arts Personal and Cultural Identity	Alma begins to wonder about why she has such a long name and if it makes her different or weird from the other kids that have shorter names. She turns to her dad for answers and discovers the vibrant

					story behind every name she carries.
Téo's Tutu	Maryann Jacob Macias and illustrated by Alea Marley	K-2 grade	Fiction/Children's Literature	English/Language/Arts Personal Identity Social and Emotional Struggles	Teó is a young child that is super excited for his upcoming ballet recital, yet he is worried about what clothes to wear. Scared about what others would say, Teó questions if he should wear his adored tutu at the recital or some pants that do not feel like himself.
Fry Bread: A Native American Family Story	Kevin Noble Maillard and illustrated by Juana Martinez-Neal	K-2 grade	Fiction/Children's Literature	English/Language/Arts Personal and Cultural Identity	Tells the story of a grandmother teaching her family how to make fry bread and the importance of sharing history and culture with others.
Masterpiece	Alexandra Hoffman and	K-1 grade	Fiction/Children's Literature	English/Language/Arts Personal identity	Samuel is a young boy on the autism spectrum.

	illustrated by Beatriz Mello				He and his classmates are instructed to do an art project in which Samuel gets to show how beautiful and unique his point of view of life is.
Joy Takes Root	Gwendolyn Wallace and illustrated by Ashleigh Corrin	K-3 grade	Fiction/Children's Literature	English/Language/Arts Personal and Cultural Identity	Joy spends her summer in her grandmother's backyard and she learns all about plants, wellness, medicine, and traditions passed down from generations.
The Proudest Blue: A Story of Hijab and Family	by Ibtihaj Muhammad and illustrated by Hatem Aly	K-3 grade	Fiction/Children's Literature	English/Language/Arts Personal and Cultural Identity Social and Emotional Struggles	Faizah and her older sister Asiya are going to start their school year with nervousness and excitement. Asiya will be wearing her beautiful blue hijab to school for the first time and will

					have to deal with people's opinions on it.
Julián Is a Mermaid	Jessica Love	K-2 grade	Fiction/Children's Literature	English/Language/Arts Personal and Cultural Identity	Julián is a young boy that discovers his love for dressing up in gorgeous gowns after watching three glamorous ladies on the bus. Happy with his appearance but scared of what his family will say, Julián struggles with who he is.