2022 Recommended Diverse Picture Books for Early Childhood
Curated by Auntie Zettie’s Read Aloud Time

Early Learning Concepts
Peekaboo Morning by Rachel Isadora
Hands On! By Anne Wynter, illustrated by Alea Marley
Try-Again Time by Elizabeth Verdick, illustrated by Marieka Heinlen
Big and Little by Carolina Buzio
Where Do Pants Go? by Rebecca Van Slyke, illustrated by Chris Robertson
Walk and See: 123 by Rosalind Beardshaw
Whose Knees Are These? By Jabari Asim, illustrated by LeUyen Pham

Social & Emotional Learning
I Am Enough by Grace Byers, illustrated by Keturah Bobo
Evelyn Del Ray is Moving Away by Meg Medina, illustrated by Sonia Sanchez
Mindful Mr. Sloth by Katy Hudson
My Monster and Me by Nadiyah Hussain, illustrated by Ella Bailey
Thank You, Omu! By Oge Mora
Jennie Mei is Sad by Tracy Subisak
The Cot in the Living Room by Hilda Eunice Burgos, illustrated by Gaby D’Allessandro
My Body is a Rainbow: The Color of My Feelings by Mallika Chopra

Diversity and Inclusion
Woke Baby by Mahogany L. Browne, illustrated by Theodore Taylor, III
Rosa Loves Cars by Jessica Spanyol
Calvin by Vanessa Ford and JR Ford, illustrated by Kayla Harren
A is for Activist written and illustrated by Innosanto Nagara
We Are Water Protectors by Carole Lindstrom, illustrated by Michaela Goade
Where Are You From? by Yamile Saied Mendez, illustrated by Jaime Kim
Strictly No Elephants by Lisa Mantchev, illustrated by Taeueun Yoo
Homemade Love by bell hooks, illustrated by Shane W. Evans
Fry Bread by Kevin Noble Maillard, illustrated by Juana Martinez-Neal
The Day You Begin by Jacqueline Woodson, illustrated by Rafael Lopez
Pride Colors by Robin Stevenson

STEAM (Science, Technology, Arts & Math)
Hey, Water! by Antoinette Portis
Astro-Girl by Ken Wilson-Max
One Little Lot: The 1-2-3s of an Urban Garden by Diane C. Mullen
Nina: A Story of Nina Simone by Traci N. Todd, illustrated by Christian Robinson
Aaron Slater, Illustrator by Andrea Beaty
Lia & Luis: Who Has More? by Ana Crespo
Here We Go Digging for Dinosaur Bones by Susan Lendroth, illustrated by Bob Kolar