

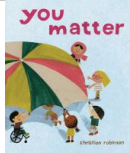


## Quarterly Theme

# Identity

### Step 1

## Listen & Read



*You Matter*  
by Christian Robinson

### Step 2

## Consider Reading

*Happy Like Soccer* (available in Spanish)

by Maribeth Boelts

*I Am Golden*

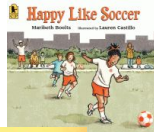
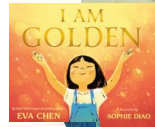
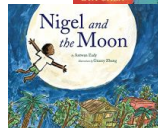
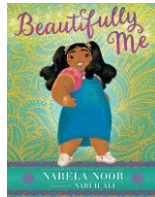
by Eva Chen

*Nigel and the Moon*

by Antwan Eady

*Beautifully Me*

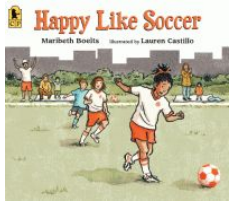



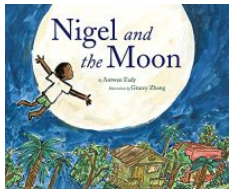

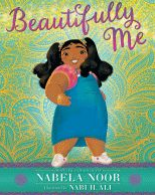

by Nabela Noor



### Step 3

## Have Some Fun

<p><b>Physical Action</b></p>	<p>Imagine you are a statue. What would your statue look like? Think about things that make you unique and how you can represent that idea with your body.</p>
<p><b>Creative Action</b></p>	<p>Use scissors, paper, glue, and markers to make an identity collage. Include pictures and words that explain what makes you YOU.</p>
<p><b>Written Action</b></p>	<p>Write an acrostic poem, which is a poem where the first letter of each line spells a word. Write your first name vertically on a piece of paper. Think of a word that describes you for each line of the poem.</p>
<p><b>Community Action</b></p>	<p>With parent/guardian permission, talk with people in your community. Ask them to share things about their identity to find out what you have in common.</p>

Book	Availability	Summary
		<p>Nothing makes Sierra happy like soccer. Her shoes have flames as she spins the ball down the spread-out sea of grass. But nothing makes her sad like soccer, too, because the restaurant where her auntie works is busy on game days and she can't take time off to watch Sierra play. Everyone needs someone to cheer them on from the sidelines.</p>
		<p>The parents of a young Chinese American girl named Mei lovingly speak to her through lyrical text, encouraging her to view herself as beautiful and to see her heritage as a gift. They thank her for helping them adjust to their new home in the United States and reassure her that no matter what others say, where she came from should not be considered a detriment, but an expression of creation's beauty.</p>
		<p>When it's just Nigel looking out at the moon at night, he dreams of what he wants to be. But when he gets into the classroom, and sees how different he is from his classmates and the kids he reads about in books. During career week at school, Nigel's parents come and talk about their jobs, beaming with pride and impressing his classmates. Soon Nigel has confidence when he talks about what he wants for his future.</p>
		<p>Meet Zubi: a joyful Bangladeshi girl excited about her first day of school. But when Zubi sees her mother frowning in the mirror and talking about being “too big,” she starts to worry about her own body and how she looks. As her day goes on, she hears more and more people being critical of each other's and their own bodies, until her outburst over dinner leads her family to see what they've been doing wrong—and to help Zubi see that we can all make the world a more beautiful place by being beautifully ourselves.</p>