



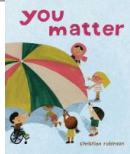
Middle

Quarterly Theme

Identity

Step 1

Listen & Read



You Matter
by Christian Robinson

Step 2

Consider Reading

Maizy Chen's Last Chance

by Lisa Yee

Just Right Jillian

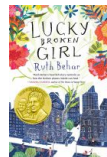
by Nicole Collier

The Unforgettable Logan Foster

by Shawn Peters

Lucky Broken Girl (available in Spanish)





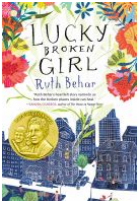

by Ruth Behar



Step 3

Have Some Fun

Physical Action	Find a song that represents something about your identity. Choreograph movements to perform with to the song.
Creative Action	Create an identity mask. The front of the mask should include visible characteristics about you (what people can see). On the back of the mask, include details about your identity that people may not know (are not visible).
Written Action	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.
Community Action	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.

Book	Availability	Summary
		<p>After her grandfather falls ill, eleven-year-old Maizy Chen travels to her mom's hometown of Last Chance, Minnesota, to help her grandparents run the Golden Palace, the family's Chinese restaurant. She is tasked with keeping Opa company while he recovers, and she soon finds herself learning about Lucky Chen, her great-great-grandfather who moved to Last Chance and opened the Golden Palace. She is shocked when the restaurant is targeted by a racist attack as they are the only Asian-American family in town, and she struggles with homesickness and mean girls. Luckily, Maizy makes a new friend and connects with her family's roots while learning that it's what's on the inside that counts.</p>
		<p>Fifth grader Jillian will do just about anything to blend in, including staying quiet even when she has the right answer. After she loses a classroom competition because she won't speak up, she sets her mind on winning her school's biggest competition. But breaking out of her shell is easier said than done, and Jillian has only a month to keep her promise to her grandmother and prove to herself that she can speak up and show everyone her true self.</p>
		<p>Twelve-year-old autistic Logan Foster isn't expecting great things when he's placed in his seventh foster home. He quickly learns he isn't the only odd fellow when their meet-and-greet is interrupted by an earthquake and his foster parents survive. After moving in with them, things only get weirder: they're out at all hours, they don't appear to eat, and they have heavy security protections on their home. Later, Logan deduces his new foster parents are actually superheroes who are being attacked by an arch villain and that it may be up to him to save them.</p>
		<p>Ruthie Mizrahi and her family recently emigrated from Castro's Cuba to New York City. Just when she's finally beginning to gain confidence in her mastery of English—and enjoying her reign as her neighborhood's hopscotch queen—a horrific car accident leaves her in a body cast and confined her to her bed for a long recovery. As Ruthie's world shrinks because of her inability to move, her powers of observation and her heart grow larger and she comes to understand how fragile life is, how vulnerable we all are as human beings, and how friends, neighbors, and the power of the arts can sweeten even the worst of times.</p>