

Do you celebrate Mother's Day in your classroom? How do you accommodate all children?

Now more than ever it is crucial to recognise and celebrate diversity of families. If you choose to celebrate Mother's Day in your classroom, here are some ideas to make sure the activities are welcoming to all children, no matter what their family structure.

Talk openly about different types of families to make each child feel acknowledged.

Talk about the different people in our lives who could be acknowledged with a card or gift.

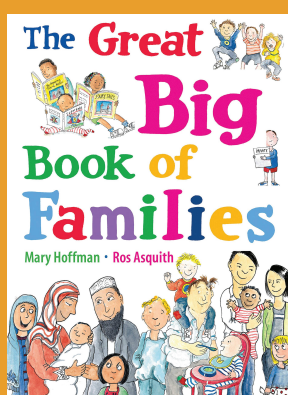
Avoid stereotyping when making cards for Mother's Day or Father's Day, for example, don't encourage making football cards for dads and flower cards for mums!

Be mindful of children who may have lost a parent or caregiver, or who are living in a difficult situation. Be aware that big emotions could be triggered.

Have class discussions about "what makes a family" to help children see there is no set formula, and love is all that matters!

Have an alternative activity for children who don't feel comfortable with making Mother's Day cards.

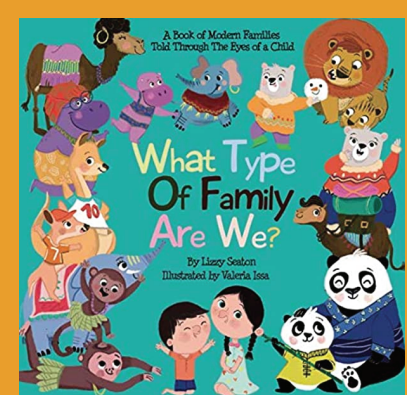
Recommended books on diverse families



The Great Big Book of Families
by Mary Hoffman



Love Makes a Family
by Sophie Beer



What Type of Family Are We?
by Lizzy Seaton