Books to Support Talking, Drawing, Writing Lessons

Title	Author	Illustrations	Amount of Text	Human Characters	Ordinary topic	Diversity	Written in First Person	Favorite Authors	Genre	Connections to Others	Emotional Connection

Illustrations: story is supported through illustrations
Amount of text: looks and sounds like what students can do
Human characters: students need models of stories illustrating human characters, written in human voice, about human emotions
Ordinary topic: these stories trigger student's own stories
Diversity: makes it safe for students to reveal themselves and their experiences
Written in first person: models the voice students use as they tell their own stories
Favorite author: helps students see styles, patterns, get to know an author as a writer
Genre: exposure to different types
Connections to others: favorite topics spur student interest
Emotional connection: books that touch us and our students emotionally will connect reading and writing and create a bond to a literate life