Top 5 Digital Picture Book Recommendations

1. The Proudest Blue: A Story of Hijab and Family
   Ibtihaj Muhammad & Hatem Aly
   Faizah can’t wait for her first day of school, but she’s even more excited for her big sister Asiya’s first day of wearing a hijab to school. This book for Kindergarten through fourth-grade students demonstrates how children can deal constructively with bullies while maintaining their self-confidence and feeling proud of their personal and cultural identity. It also emphasizes the importance of family, especially sisterhood.

2. ¡Vamos! Let’s Go to the Market
   Raúl the Third
   Children in Kindergarten through second grade will learn Spanish vocabulary words and encounter richly illustrated scenery and characters as they follow Little Lobo and his dog, Bernabé, through a vibrant marketplace on the Mexican-American border.

3. Just Because
   Mac Barnett & Isabelle Arsenault
   Preschool through second-grade kids who like to ask “why?” (which is all of them!) will love Just Because, a bedtime story featuring a curious little girl whose dad invents increasingly fantastical answers to her most pressing questions about the world.

4. Hands Up!
   Breanna J. McDaniel & Shane W. Evans
   Hands Up! celebrates all the reasons why its protagonist, a young brown-skinned girl, raises her hands—to reach a book on a high shelf, to worship, to shoot a basketball, to give high fives, and to engage in peaceful protest. Children from preschool to third grade will love this book.

5. Truman
   Jean Reidy & Lucy Ruth Cummins
   Truman the turtle worries about his beloved human, Sarah, when she leaves for her first day of school. After waiting what feels like forever, he decides to follow her on the adventure of a lifetime—leaving their high-rise apartment for the first time! Preschoolers, Kindergarteners, and first-graders will enjoy Truman’s story.

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