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This is a selected list of picture books that can be used to introduce Mother’s Day and Father’s Day in the PreK-5 classroom.

Mother’s Day

Three little mouse brothers go into the meadow to find a present for their mother but it is the littlest mouse that comes up with the most unusual gift of all.
*Call Number: PJ Bun*

Bunting, E. (2008). *You were loved before you were born.* New York, NY: The Blue Sky Press. (Grades PreK-2).
A mother shares with her child all the ways in which family members and friends were loving and welcoming before the child was born.
*Call Number: PJ Bun*

Never having seen his mother, a baby bird makes humorous mistakes trying to find her.
*Call Number: [Small Book] PJ Eas*

Rani believes that her mother loves their pet chicken Bibi more than she cares for her, until the day that a fluffy chick appears and steals Rani’s own affections.
*Call Number: PJ Kha*

Sharonda and her mother help volunteers from their church to build their house.
*Call Number: PJ Lyo*

A young bear searches for his mother and meets many animals along the way.
*Call Number: PJ Mar*

Lizzie writes to her mother, who is deployed overseas during wartime, and includes maps that show her mother what Lizzie has been thinking and doing.
*Call Number: J McE*
Donovan painstakingly prepares for his special role in the wedding ceremony of his two mothers.
**Call Number: PJ New**

When Chester the raccoon is reluctant to go to kindergarten his mother teaches him a secret way to carry her love with him.
**Call Number: PJ Pen**

Three children experience the joys and challenges of being raised by two mothers.
**Call Number: PJ Pol**

The students in Mrs. Madoff’s class share how they will celebrate Mother’s Day with their families.
**Call Number: PJ Roc**

Little Mouse gets dressed to go the barn with his mother, brothers, and sisters.
**Call Number: PJ Smi**

A spunky girl explains the many uses of her mother’s red rebozo, a traditional Mexican woven shawl.
**Call Number: PJ Taf**

A child, her mother, and grandmother saves dimes to buy a comfortable armchair after all their furniture is lost in a fire.
**Call Number: [Big Book] PJ Wil**

**Father’s Day**

Booker works with his father and brother at the salt works but dreams of the day when he’ll be able to read.
**Call Number: PJ Bra**

A bilingual boy and his father, who only speaks Spanish, spend a day together.
**Call Number: PJ Dor**
When a tailor asks each of his three sons to make a cloak for the archduke, the third son’s design reveals his desire to travel the world rather than follow in his father’s footsteps.
**Call Number:** PJ Fri

A boy spends a day with his father on his shrimp boat, listening as he describes how his own father fished on the South China Sea.
**Call Number:** PJ Gar

Describes the day-to-day life of an early 19th-century New England family.
**Call Number:** PJ Hal

Jen and her father go up a mountain stream and spend the day fishing.
**Call Number:** PJ Kid

A father and child find ways to spend time together while waiting for the weekend.
**Call Number:** PJ Lev

The story of a toddler’s daily activities with two loving fathers.
**Call Number:** [Small Book] PJ New

Little Red Chicken wants Papa to read her a bedtime story, but interrupts him almost as soon as he begins each tale.
**Call Number:** PJ Ste

New York, NY: Lee & Low Books. (Grades 3-5).
A collection of poems celebrating African-American fathers.
**Call Number:** j811.008 In

A young girl and her grandmother visit the girl’s father in prison.
**Call Number:** PJ Woo

On a winter’s night under a full moon, a father and daughter trek into the woods to see the Great Horned Owl.
**Call number:** PJ Yol

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