PS 39 Diversity and Inclusion Book of the Month: June
Theme: LGBTQ+

Book Title: Stella Brings the Family
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Grade Level: K / 1st

Book Summary:
Stella's class is having a Mother's Day celebration, but what's a girl with two daddies to do? It's not that she doesn't have someone who helps her with her homework or tucks her in at night. Stella has her Papa and Daddy who take care of her and a whole group of other loved ones who support her every day. She just doesn't have a mom to invite to the party. Fortunately, Stella finds a unique solution to her party problem. This book portrays not only a girl with two dads but other family configurations that may cause teachers and family members to rethink how they discuss holidays like Mother's Day and Father's Day. It is a story about love, acceptance and the true meaning of family.

Discussion Questions:
- Based on the cover of the book, what do you think the book might be about?
- How do you think Stella felt when her teacher announced their special Mother's Day celebration? How do you think you might feel if you were Stella?
- Why did Stella's friends ask her who packs her lunch, reads her bedtime stories and kisses her when she is hurt?
- Why did Jonathan tell Stella she should invite her other family members? What advice would you give Stella? What could you do to help or support Stella?
- What could Mrs. Abbott have done to make everyone feel included?
- Who did Stella bring to the celebration and why?
- What other kinds of families were in Stella's class?
- How is your family similar to and/or different than Stella's?
- Do you know people whose families are different than yours? What do you have in common with them?
- Have you ever felt different from the children at school? How so? What did you do?
- What can we do to make sure that kids who feel different in certain situations feel included?
- What is the message of the story?
- What do you think will happen on Father's Day?
- What do you think Howie, who has two moms, will do on Father's Day?