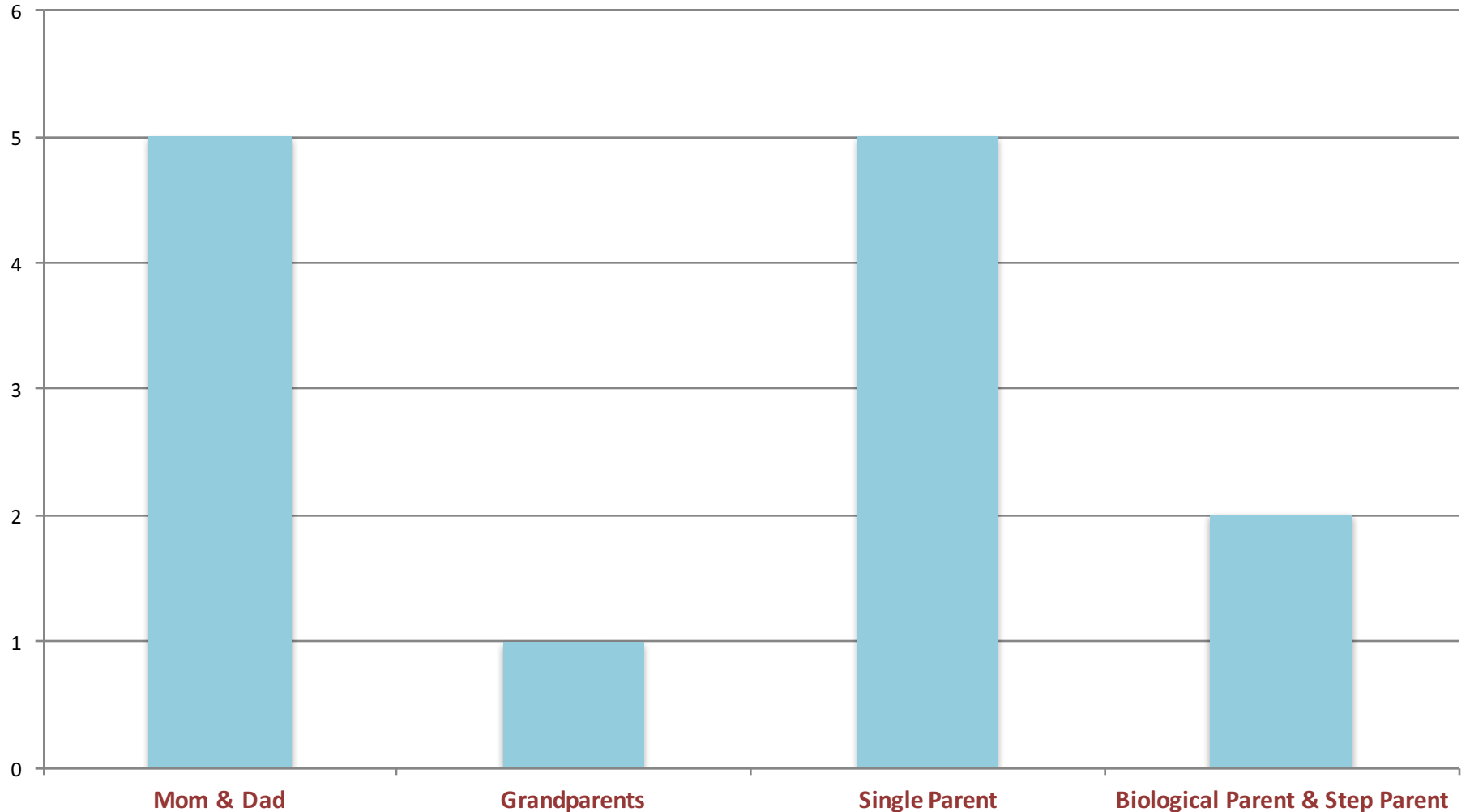




Non-traditional Families

We asked our students who lives in their house with them. We got various answers such as single mom, single dad, grandparents, step parents, and both of their biological parents. We wanted to compare these results with children who struggle academically and behaviorally and see if there was any correlation.

Who Lives In Your House With You?



Children who live with a single parent

- 3/5 struggle academically
- 2/5 have IEPs
- 2/5 need a lot of attention
- 2/5 constantly want hugs
- 1/5 has extreme anger issues
- 2/5 get pulled for resource
- 2/5 are very bright

- I discovered that these kids are affected more behaviorally than academically

Grandparents

- The child who lives with his grandparents is very well-mannered.
- He need CONSTANT attention
- Very bright
- Major anger issues

- I found again that he is affected more behaviorally than academically.

Biological Parent & Step Parent

- One of the students is an average student and on grade level.
- She is well-behaved but can be very lazy.
- The other student is below a kindergarten level, has an IEP, and gets pulled for resource twice a day.

Both Biological Parents

- 1/5 has a bad attitude
- One has an IEP
- One is mentally ill
- 2/5 are where they should be behaviorally and academically.

I learned that even though all of the students in every category have issues, the only category where we had any students who were doing well behaviorally and academically were in the category of living with both biological parents.





**There are exceptions to the rule and
it isn't the case in every situation.**

Personal Experience

I didn't grow up living with both of my parents. I live with my mom and I feel like behaviorally and academically I have done a good job. It is more of an emotional effect on me but I was able to control my emotions. Some of these students are affected emotionally, which causes them to act out and be disrespectful.





















Just because a child is from a non-traditional family doesn't mean that they aren't loved and don't come from a great home.



I asked a student from each group to draw a picture of their family and they all asked, “The people who live with me or my whole family?”

One said, “My dad doesn’t live with me but do I still draw him?”

What Do I Control?

SITUATIONS THAT CREATE SADNESS	I CAN CONTROL	I CAN'T CONTROL	WAYS TO MANAGE OR CHANGE
not living with my sister			Watch TV
not seeing mom			talk to nana
			
			
			
			

Grandparents

B.K.

Dear Sister,

I really miss you. Witch

One is your favorite. I feel sad
dog?

when I don't get to see you.

Can we talk on the phone ?

I miss you because I don't get to

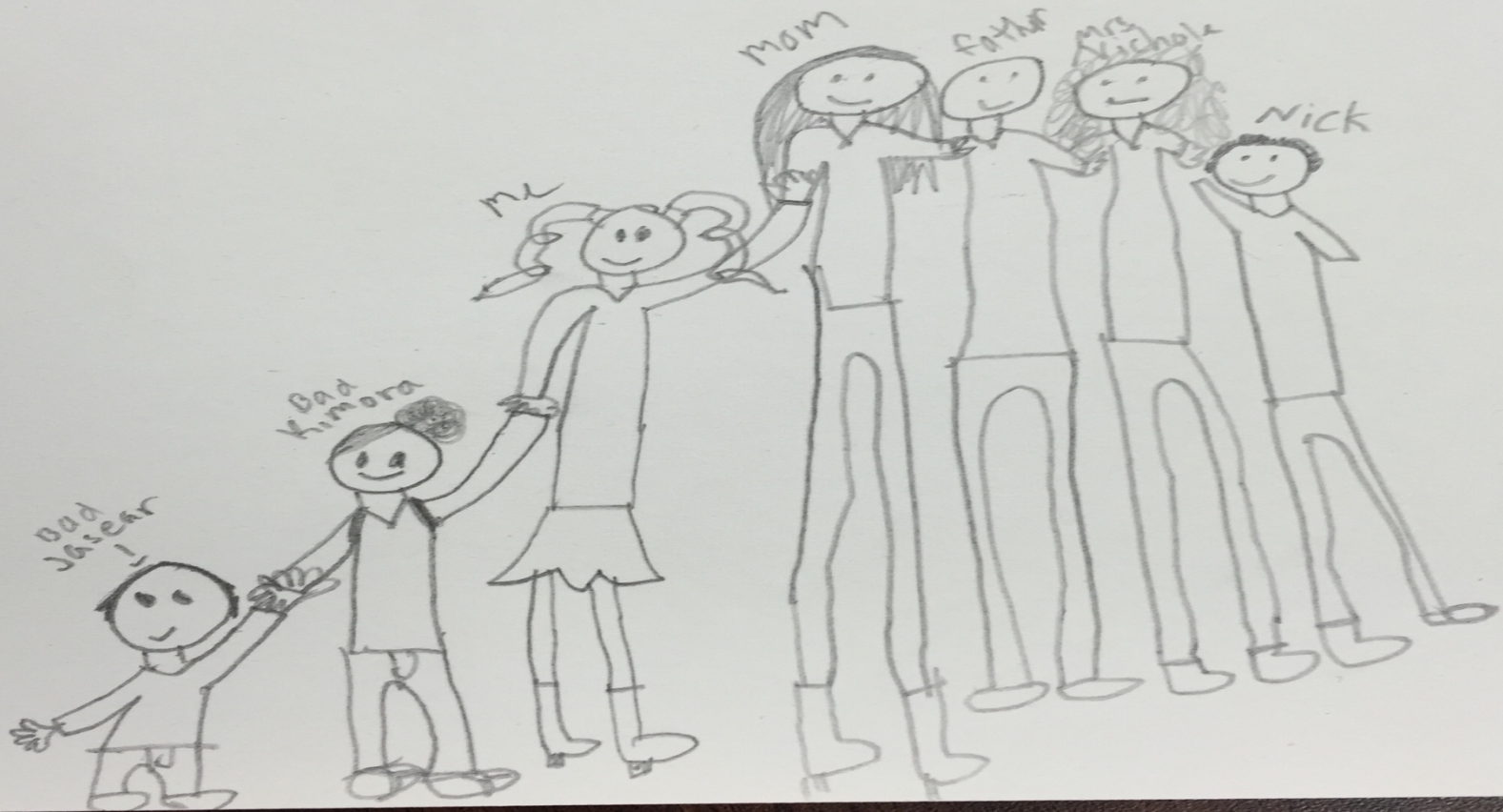
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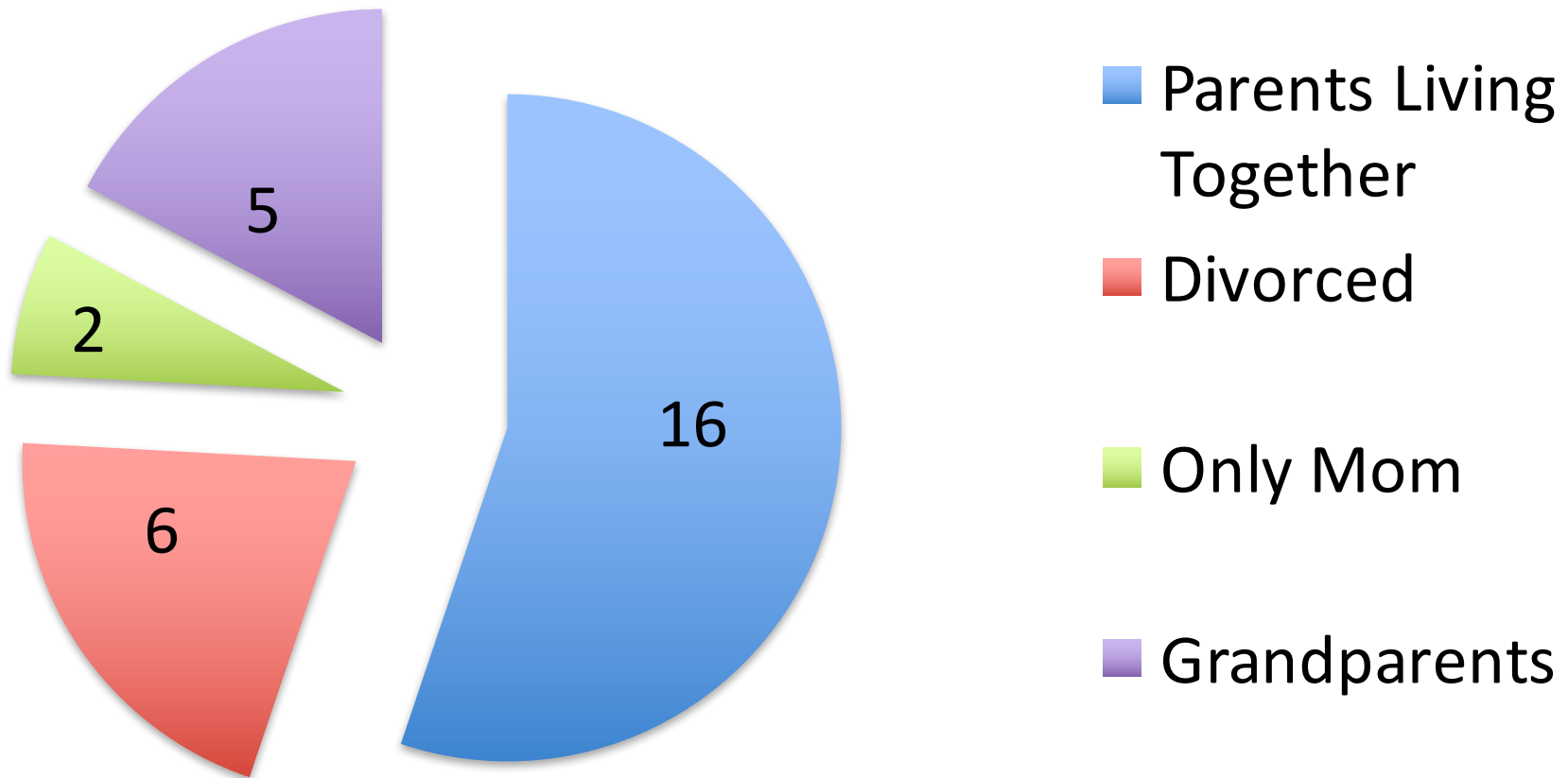
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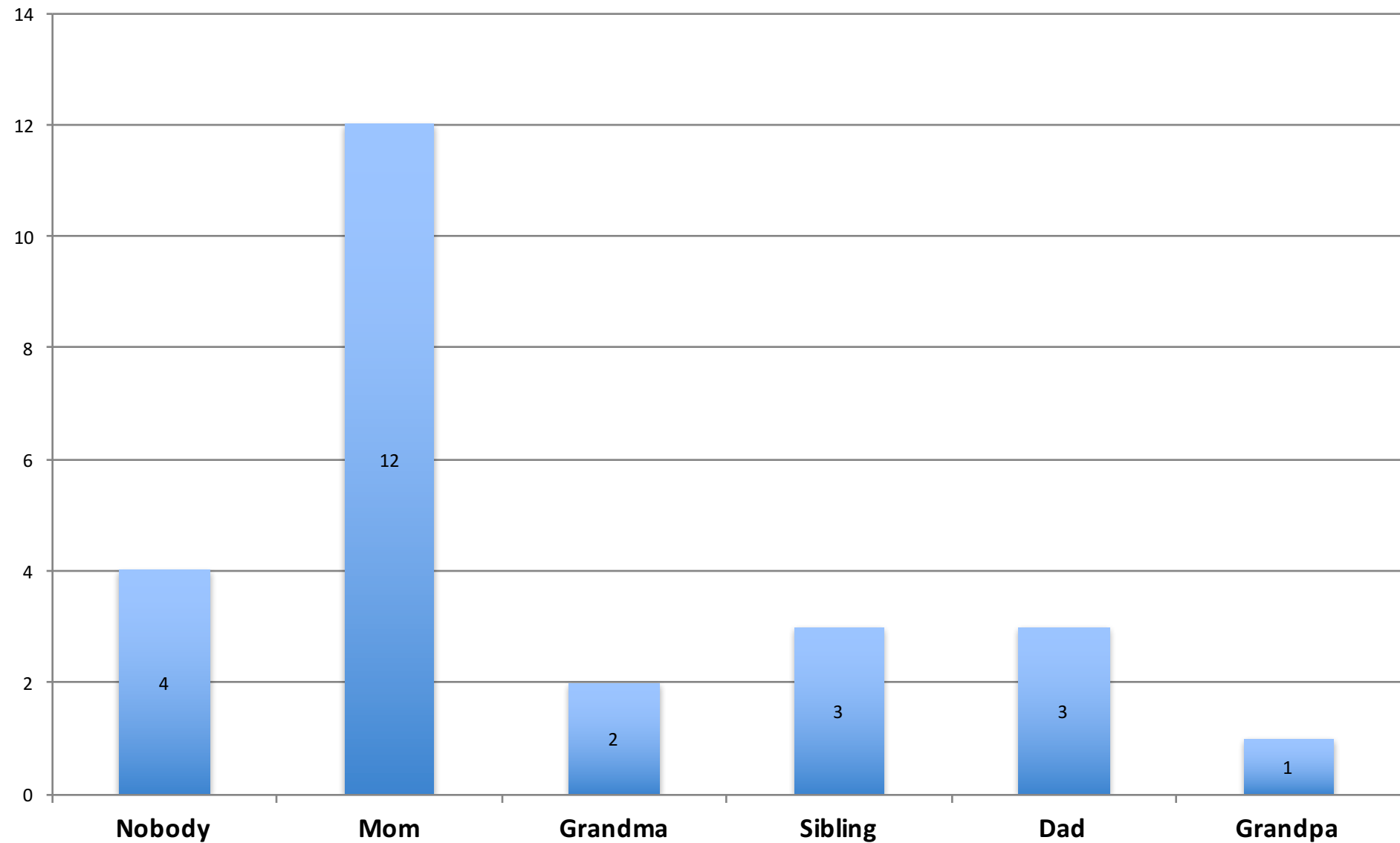


Who Lives In Your House With You?



Jacob &
Catalina

Who Helps You With Your Homework?



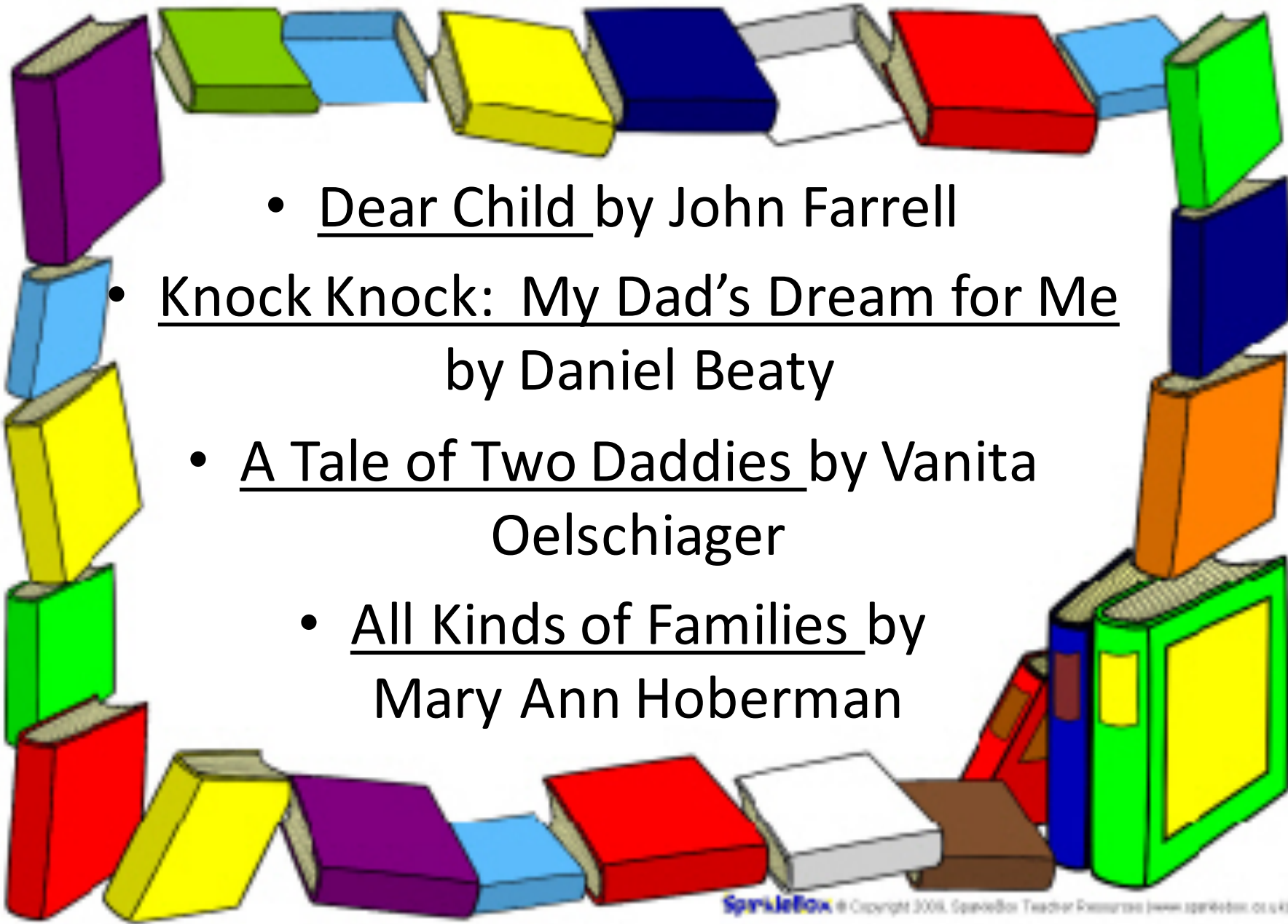
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