

**Kindergarten Curriculum Guide Book Summary**

**Book title:** ***I Love You, Stinky Face***

**Author:** Lisa McCourt

**Main characters:** A mother and her young daughter

**Executive summary:** A mother convinces her daughter that it doesn’t matter how she looks or acts, she will take care of her and love her always.

**Detailed summary:** A mother tucks her young daughter into bed for the night and says “I love you.” The daughter asks her mother if she would love her if she were a big scary ape. The mother tells her that she would love her and comb her hair and bake her a cake with bananas. The daughter asks if she would love her if she were a stinky skunk. The mother tells her she would love her and hug her even if she smelled really bad. Then the daughter asks if she would love her if she were a ferocious alligator with big sharp teeth. The mother tells her daughter she would buy a big toothbrush for her big teeth. She would not be afraid of her daughter. She would love her.

Now the girl wonders if she were a meat-eating dinosaur with sharp claws that tore apart the blankets, would she love her? The mother tells her that she would love her and feed her lots of meat and mend the ripped blankets. The daughter asks if her mother would love her if she were a swamp monster who had to live in the swamp forever, and her mother tells her she would visit her, take care of her and love her. Now the girl wonders if she would love her if she were an alien from outer space. Her mother tells her she would love her and feed her whatever aliens like to eat.

Finally the daughter asks if her mother would love her even if she were a Cyclops with just one big eye. Her mother says that she would sing her a good night song until she went to sleep. All the love this mother has for her child makes the daughter feel happy and secure, and she knows that her love for her mother is just as big.