

SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING RESOURCES

Dear families,

I know you have so much going on right now but I wanted to provide you with some resources to use with your students to support their social emotional growth! Social emotional learning can help students in all areas of life, including academics, relationships, behavior, mental health, and more. That's why I wanted to offer some resources to encourage social emotional learning at home as well.

These resources and activities are not required, but I wanted to give you the opportunity to support your students in this way while school is not in session. Attached you will find several resources that can be used by both you and your students. Here are some ideas for how to use the resources:

- **Social Emotional Learning Bingo Challenge Board:** Over the break, encourage your students to complete all of the tasks on the board, marking off each one as it is completed.
- **Social Emotional Learning Family Resources:** I am including lists of books and electronic resources that you can use with your students to learn about and practice various social emotional learning competencies. Enjoying these activities together is a great way to bond with your student while you learn!
- **Social Emotional Learning Discussion Questions:** These 25 discussion questions each address the different social emotional learning competencies. These are great questions to ask your student at dinner, in the car, etc. The questions come in list form as well in card form. To use the cards, cut them out and place them in a small basket, or hole punch them and place them on a shower curtain ring.
- **Family Goal Sheets:** Use the goal sheets provided to set goals together as a family and as individuals. These are the perfect way to keep track of what you want to accomplish each week or before students return to school. On both sheets, there is an area for reflection.

I hope these resources are helpful for your family. As always, don't hesitate to reach out with any questions.---Mrs. Dummer

What is SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING?

According to the Collaborative for Academic, Social, and Emotional Learning (CASEL), social emotional learning is “the process through which children and adults understand and manage emotions, set and achieve positive goals, feel and show empathy for others, establish and maintain positive relationships, and make responsible decisions.”

DID YOU KNOW?

According to CASEL's website,

- Research shows that SEL programming improves academic performance.
- SEL can decrease the likelihood of living in or being on a waiting list for public housing, receiving public assistance, having any involvement with police before adulthood, and ever spending time in a detention facility.
- SEL can improve students' behavior in the classroom and decrease their risk for experiencing depression and other mental health disorders.
- SEL can give students the social skills they need to excel both in the school environment and the workplace.

CASEL Core Competencies

SELF-AWARENESS

Self esteem, being mindful of your thoughts and feelings.

SELF-MANAGEMENT

Emotional regulation, goal setting, impulse control

SOCIAL AWARENESS

Acceptance, empathy, perspective taking

RELATIONSHIP SKILLS

Social skills, conflict resolution, communication

RESPONSIBLE DECISION MAKING

Positive behavior, social problem solving

SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING BINGO CHALLENGE BOARD

SELF-MANAGEMENT	SELF-AWARENESS	SOCIAL AWARENESS	RELATIONSHIP SKILLS	RESPONSIBLE DECISION MAKING
Set up a spot where you can go if you feel upset.	Do a feelings check in with yourself. How do you feel? How do you know?	Learn something about another culture.	Write a letter or make a card for a friend.	Work with your family to create a list of consequences for negative behaviors.
Journal, or talk to a family member about how you're feeling every day for a week.	Make a list of the things you love about yourself. Hang it where you can see it every day.	Notice when someone needs something, then meet their need.	Apologize for a mistake you made.	At the end of the day, talk to a family member about your behavior for the day. What went well. What could you have done better?
Set a goal for the week.	Spend two minutes trying to notice your thoughts.	Help a family member without being asked.	Introduce yourself to someone new.	Go out of your way to make someone else feel good.
Come up with a list of things you can do when you feel upset.	Come up with something you can repeat to yourself that helps you feel good about yourself.	Ask a family member how their day is going. Listen to their response.	Solve a disagreement or argument peacefully.	Do something that you are asked to do.

SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING BINGO IDEAS

SELF-AWARENESS

- Practice taking time to notice how you are feeling and what you are thinking. Slow down and listen to yourself.
- Self talk is the things that we tell ourselves. It's important that we are telling ourselves positive things, because our own voice is the one we hear most often. Come up with positive things you can tell yourself like, "I can do hard things!" or "I make the world a better place." Remember these things when you are feeling down about yourself.

SELF-MANAGEMENT

- All feelings are okay, it's what we do with them that matters! Thankfully, there are a lot of things we can do to help us feel calm.
- If you feel upset, here are some things to try: take deep breaths, count backward from 10, walk away, talk to an adult, think about things that make you happy, or write about your feelings.

SOCIAL AWARENESS

- Watch a video or read a book about another culture.
- Think about needs that your family members have. This could include chores that need to be done, someone who needs encouragement, or someone who needs help with a task.
- Notice how your friends and family members are feeling. Take their feelings into consideration when you interact with them.

RELATIONSHIP SKILLS

- Think about a friend that you want to encourage. A kind card or small gift can go a long way!
- When you have a disagreement with a friend, there are positive ways to handle it. Try calmly talking about it, making a compromise, sharing. You can also use an I-Statement: "I feel ____, when ____, I want ____."
- Being kind to people you don't know is a great way to make new friends. Try introducing yourself to someone you don't know. Ask questions to learn about him/her and find out what you have in common.

RESPONSIBLE DECISION MAKING

- We are responsible for our actions. Before we make a choice, it is important to think about the effects. How will this choice impact me? How will this choice impact others around me? Take time to think before you make decisions.
- Reflection is a powerful tool. You can reflect by talking to a friend or family member, by journaling, or just by thinking about what you have done. Reflecting gives us the opportunity to celebrate what we have done well and to consider what we can do better next time.

SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING BOOK IDEAS

SELF-AWARENESS

- Visiting Feelings by Lauren Rubenstein
- What Does It Mean To Be Present? by Rana DiOrio
- I Like Myself by Karen Beaumont
- Be Who You Are by Todd Parr
- Zero by Kathryn Otoshi
- The Way I Feel by Janan Cain
- In My Heart: A Book Of Feelings by Jo Witek

SELF-MANAGEMENT

- B Is For Breathe by Melissa Munro Boyd
- Soda Pop Head by Julia Cook
- How Do Dinosaurs Say I'm Mad? by Jane Yolen
- Your Fantastic Elastic Brain by JoAnn Deak
- Salt In His Shoes by Deloris and Roslyn Jordan
- After The Fall by Dan Santat

SOCIAL AWARENESS

- The Judgmental Flower by Julia Cook
- Janine by MaryAnn Cocca-Leffler
- Hey, Little Ant by Phillip and Hannah Hoose
- What's Wrong With Timmy by Maria Shriver
- Different Just Like Me by Lori Mitchell
- Whoever you Are by Mem Fox

RELATIONSHIP SKILLS

- Cliques, Phonies and Other Baloney by Trevor Romain
- Duck, Duck, Goose by Tad Hills
- Pink Tiara Cookies For Three by Maria Dismondy
- The Peace Rose by Alicia Jewell
- Matthew And Tilly by Rebecca Jones
- Little Blue Truck by Alice Schertle
- Enemy Pie by Derek Munson

RESPONSIBLE DECISION MAKING

- What If Everybody Did That? by Ellen Javernick
- Don't Squeal Unless It's A Big Deal by Jeanie Franz Ransom
- Monster, Be Good by Natalie Marshall
- What Do You Do With A Problem? by Kobi Yamada
- What Should Danny Do? by Adir and Ganit Levy
- What's The Problem?: A Story Teaching Problem Solving by Bryan Smith

ELECTRONIC RESOURCES TO ENCOURAGE SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING

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Self-Awareness

How are you feeling right now? How do you know?

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What are 3 things that are really important to you?

Self-Awareness

What have you done that you are most proud of?

Self-Awareness

What is your favorite thing about yourself?

Self-Awareness

What is one thing you want to do when you are an adult?

Self-Management

What is something that makes you upset?

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What are 3 things you can do when you are upset?

Self-Management

Why is it important to think before you act?

Self-Management

What is something you want to accomplish this week? What steps can you take to meet your goal?

Self-Management

What can you tell yourself when you have to do something that you don't want to do?

Social Awareness

Tell me about someone you know who is different than you. What do you think you can learn from this person?

Social Awareness

What can you do if you see someone being left out?

Social Awareness

Why do you think it's important to treat everyone with respect?

Social Awareness

Do you think it's good that everyone is different, or would it be better if everyone was the same?

Social Awareness

Do you feel like other people appreciate you for who you are, or do you feel pressured to fit in?

Relationship Skills

Do you think you are a good friend? Why or why not?

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Do you think your friends are good friends? Why or why not?

Relationship Skills

What can you do if you have a disagreement or argument with a friend?

Relationship Skills

What can you say if a friend is treating you in a way that you don't like?

Relationship Skills

What do you like to do with your friends?

Responsible Decision Making

Why can it be helpful to think about multiple ways to solve a problem?

Responsible Decision Making

Tell me about a poor choice you have made recently. What could have you done better?

Responsible Decision Making

Why do you think rules exist? How do others feel when you follow the rules? How do they feel when you don't follow the rules?

Responsible Decision Making

How can thinking about the consequences of your actions help you make better choices?

FAMILY GOAL SETTING SHEET

Together, we will set and meet a SMART goal!

OUR GOAL:

Our goal is specific! The goal we have is: _____
_____.

Our goal is measurable! We'll know we have met our goal when:

_____.

Our goal is achievable! We know that it is possible to reach our goal because:

_____.

Our goal is relevant! This goal matters to our family because:

_____.

Our goal is timely! When do we need to complete our goal?

_____.

REFLECTING ON OUR GOAL:

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What could have we done better? _____
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