Teachers as Readers Book List

Topic: SEL - Social Emotional Learning - Challenges for Children

Fall 2019

A Good Night for Freedom by Barbara Olenyik Morrow
A Long Walk to Water by Linda Sue Park (empathy)
A Perfectly Messed up Story by Patrick McDonnell (problem solving)
A Sick Day for Amos McGee by Philip C. Stead
A Tale of Two Beasts by Fiona Robertson (point of view)
A Very Large Expanse of Sea by Tahereh Mafi
Across the Alley by Richard Michelson
Age of Empathy by Frans DeWaal
Amber Brown is Green with Envy by Paula Danziger
And Two Boys Booed by Judith Viorst
Anger is a Gift by Mark Oshiro
Argyle Fox by Marie Letourneau (challenges)
Aristotle and Dante Discover the Secrets of the Universe by Benjamin Alire Saenz
Baditude! by Julia Cook
Banjo by Graham Salisbury
Because of Winn-Dixie by Kate DiCamillo
Because Amelia Smiled by David Ezra Stein
Before She Was Harriet by Lisa Cline-Runsome

Best Friends in the Universe by Hector and Louie also by Stephanie Wilson

Big Boys Cry by Jonty Howley

Big Tree is Sick: A Story to Help Children Cope with Serious Illness of a Loved One by Natalie Slosse

Blended by Sharon M. Drape

Christianne by C. Jones

Bruiser by Neal Shusterman

Chrysanthemum by Kevin Henke

Clark the Shark by Bruce Hale

Cookies Bite-Size Life Lessons by Amy Krouse Rosenthal

Counting by 7s by Holly Goldberg Sloan

Cry, Heart, But Never Break by Glenn Ringtved (resiliency)

Crabby Pants by Julie Gassman

David Gets in Trouble by David Shannon

Dog Breath by Dav Pilkey (problem solving)

Don’t Think About Purple Elephants by Susanne Merrit (fear)
Dough Boy by Peter Marino

Drum Dream Girl: How One Girl’s Courage Changed Music by Margarita Engle

Each Kindness by Jacquelini Woodson

Educated by Tara Westover

Enemy Pie by Derik Munson

Emmanuel’s Dream (The True Story of Emmanuel Ofosa Yeboah) by Laurie Ann Thompson

Everyone Can Learn to Ride a Bicycle by Chris Raschka

Extraordinary Jane by Hannah E. Harrison

Freedom Summer by Deborah Wiles

Freak the Mighty by Rodman Philbrick (empathy)

Friendshape by Amy Krouse Rosenthal

Giraffes Can’t Dance by Giles Andreae (resiliency)

Grumpy Monkey Party Time! by Suzanne Lang

Happy Dreamer by Peter H. Reynold

How to Build a Hug: Temple Grandin and Her Amazing Squeeze Machine by Amy Guglielmo and Jacqueline Tourville

I Am Peace: A Book of Mindfulness by Susan Verde
I Am Not Your Perfect Mexican Daughter by Erika L. Sanchez
I Am So Brave by Steven Krensky (empowerment Series)
I Can Do Hard Things: Mindful Affirmations for Kids by Gabi Garcia
I Can Handle It by Laurie Wright
I Just Don’t Like the Sound of NO! by Julia Cook
I Like Myself by Karen Beaumont
I Want My Hat Back by Jan Klassen (lying)
I’ll Wait, Mr. Panda by Steve Antony
I’m a Girl by Yasmeen Ismail (identity)
Ish by Peter H. Reynolds
Just Mercy by Bryan Stevenson
Last Stop on Market Street by M. DeLaPena (identity)
Leo the Late Bloomer by Robert Kraus
Let’s Go for a Drive! by Mo Willems (problem solving)
Life by Cynthia Rylant (overcoming challenges)
Lilly’s Purple Plastic Purse by Kevin Henkes (self-control)
Lying Up a Storm by Julia Cook
Jabari Jumps by Gaia Cornwall (fear)
Joey Pigza Swallowed the Key by Jank Gantos
Merry-Go-Round Poems by Langston Hughes
Mick Harte Was Here by Barbara Parks
Millie Fierce by Jane Manning (identity)
Missing Mommy: A Book About Bereavement by Rebecca Cobb
My Day Is Ruined! By Bryan Smith
My Ideal Boyfriend Is A Croissant by Laura Dockrill (laugh out-loud novel)
My Mouth is a Volcano! By Julia Cook
My Very Own Space by Pippa Goodhart (identity)
Nadia: The Girl Who Couldn’t Sit Still by Karlin Gray (identity)
Nana Upstairs, Nana Downstairs by Tomie dePaola (grief)
Not Norman by Kelley Bennett (problem Solving)
Ordinary Mary’s Extraordinary Deeds by Emily Pearson (kindness)
Pass it On by Sophy Henn (kindness)
Planet Earth is Blue by Nicole Panteleakos
Rulers of the Playground by Joseph Kuefler (overcoming challenges)
Ruthie and the (Not so) Teeny Tiny Lie by Laura Rankin
Scares Like Wings by Erin Stewart
Speaking of Me...Stepping Stones to a Better Life by Beth Mathers
Some Kind of Happiness by Claire Legrand
Song For a Whale by Lynn Kelly
She Persisted by Chelsea Clinton
Shine by J.J. and Chris Grabenstein
Stephanie’s Ponytail by Robert Munsch
Stick and Stones by Beth Ferry (friendship)
Stormy: A Story About Finding A Forever Home by Guojing
Sunday Chutney by Aaron Blabey (resiliency)
The Astonishing Color of After by Emily XRPan
The Book of Mistakes by Corinna Luyken (risk taking)
The Dark by Lemony Snicket (fear)
The Dot by Peter H. Reynolds (risk taking)
The Crayon Box that Talked by Shane Derolf (identity)
The Crossover by Kwane Alexander
The Gift of Nothing by Patrick McDonnell
The Girl Who Buried Her Dreams in a Can by Dr. Terarai Trent
The Heart and The Bottle by Oliver Jeffers (grief)
The Invisible Boy by Trady Ludwig (friendship)
The Invisible String by Patrice Karst (kindness)
The Girl Who Never Made Mistakes by Mark Dett (risk taking)
The Invisible Boy by Patrice Barton
The Miscalculations of Lightning Girl by Stacy McAnulty
The Name Jar by Yangsook Choi
The Memory String by Eve Bunting (grief)
The Monsters’ Monster by Patrick McDonnell (manners)
The Other Side by Jacqueline Woodson
The Remarkable Journey Of Coyote Sunrise by Dan Gemeinhart
The Way I Act by Steve Metzger
The Way I Feel by Janan Cain
There Might be Lobsters by Carolyn Crimi (fear)
Today I Feel Silly by Jamie Lee Curtis
Thunder Cake by Patricia Polacco
Too Shy for Show and Tell by Beth Bracken (worries)
Twisted by Laurie Halse Anderson
Waiting is Not Easy by Mo Willems
We Got This. Equity, Access, and the Quest to Be Who Our Students Need Us to Be by Cornelius Minor
We Want to do More Than to Survive by Bettina Love
We’re All Wonders by RJ Palacio (kindness)
What Do You Do With A Problem? By Kobi Yamada
What If Everybody Did That? By Ellen Javernick
When Charlie McButton Lost Power by Suzanne Collins (problem solving)
When Sadness is at Your Door by Eva Eland
Who Put This Song On? By Morgan Parker
When Sophie Gets Angry-Really, Really Angry by Molly Bang
Wild Bird by Wendelin Van Draanen
With the Fire on High by Elizabeth Acevedo
Wordy Bird by Tammi Sauer and Dave Mottram
Worry Says What by Allison Edwards
You Get What You Give by Terri Kelly
You Will Be My Friend by Peter Brown

Resource Books

Please Stop Laughing at Me by Jodee Blanco
No Such Thing as a Bad Kid by Charles D. ApperIstein, MSW
Read Aloud Activities to Supplement What If Everybody Did That? By Ellen Javernick
Help Children Cope With Serious Illness of a Loved One by Natalie Slosse
Covid 19 books/In addition

A Kid’s Guide to Coronavirus by Rebecca Growe
Anne and the Germ that Came to Visit by Christianne Klein
Billie and the Brilliant Bubble: Social Distancing for Children by Tara Travieso
Why We Stay Home by Samantha Harris and Devon Scott
Unstuck! 10 Things to Do to Stay Safe and Sane During the Pandemic by Bonnie Zucker, PsyD.