Fostering Social Emotional Learning through Read alouds

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Share out your favorite read aloud...

What’s that one book that you find is your favorite book?

What makes it so special?
Social Emotional Learning is much more than just books...

+ Social Emotional Learning is a mindset shift
+ Social Emotional Learning brings the shift to no longer compete with academics but to partner for success with academics
+ Social Emotional Learning is so much MORE than social skills
+ Social Emotional Learning is a platform for many
What is Social Emotional Learning?

SEL is the process in which we process which people

+ Process and achieve goals
+ Manage Emotions
+ Understand Emotions
+ Tap into & show empathy
+ Make decisions
5 core competencies of Social Emotional Learning

We have an obligation to teach these competencies every day!
What social emotional learning is not...

+ Something to check off a list
+ Something else you have to do
+ Discipline strategy
+ One and done strategy
+ Behavior management
+ Punishment
+ Copious tasks
Ways to incorporate Social Emotional Read alouds

Interactive Read alouds

Integrated into the content area lessons

Morning Meeting

Social Skills time in your schedule

Specifically teaching/reviewing a skills
Picture books are not just for elementary students!

Just a few things picture books foster...

+ Social Emotional Learning
+ Dialogue
+ Story Elements
+ Theme
+ Character
+ Point of view
+ Literary Elements
+ Story genres
+ & so much more...

Resource: We are teachers
Why read alouds to build Social Emotional Learning?

The simple truth is why not?

Picture books allow us to hook in students, provides a backdrop of opportunity to identify with characters in a non-threatening environment, and teach specific skills to our students. So many books teach multiple skills.
STOP reinventing the wheel

We’re in the 21st century!

There are TONS of lesson ideas online for different books!

Tweak lessons to fit your student population and need!

Lesson ideas...

Education SEL lesson ideas
Share my Lesson SEL ideas

If you have a need/idea, google it or ask a colleague to help
Social Emotional Read alouds meets 21st century

Many read alouds can be found on websites such as Youtube, StorybookOnline, & Tumblebooks for free!

Books read aloud online help teachers access books they don’t have on their shelves to read to students.

One of my favorite read alouds, The Bad Seed, read online [here](#)
Adding your voice into Social Emotional Read alouds

Google brings up so many suggestions. Why not create a teacher built list to use throughout this year?

Social Emotional Read alouds form

Social Emotional Read alouds list

Add books as you find them or when a colleague or student shares something new.
K-12 Social Emotional book/topic ideas

Diverse Lit Kits sorted by grades & subject areas

Picture books padlet for Social Emotional Learning

Publisher’s weekly Social Emotional Booklist

50 must have picture books to teach Social Emotional skills

Social Emotional Learning Educator Toolkit & more

The open book blog Social Emotional Read alouds list

Social Emotional Read aloud lists per area

Social emotional books for kids
Social Emotional Learning Resources

5 Keys to Social Emotional Success

Momentous Institute

What does SEL look like in practice?

Edutopia: Social Emotional Learning

CASEL
As we strive to meet the complex needs of this nation's children, we must stop seeing with our eyes alone and begin seeing with our hearts.

Thank you for coming today!

Have a great day of learning!

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Need a book suggestion or way to teach Social Emotional Learning throughout the year? Contact me!

I love working with social emotional learning, designing new lessons, & empowering educators day in and out. Feel free to reach out if you need a lesson idea or to collaborate!

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