

List of Books Supporting Positive Behavior

Alphabet Adventure by Audrey & Bruce Wood

Alphabet Adventure is about the journey the letters make to a school where they hope to help boys and girls. On their way the lower case "i" loses her dot and the entire alphabet sets out to find it.

A Bad Case of Tattle Tongue by Julia Cook

This book helps students learn the difference between tattling and telling. It gives teachers and parents a humorous and creative way to address the time consuming tattling related issues. It teaches the differences between tattling and the necessity of warning others about important matters

Beautiful Oops! By Barney Saltzber

This story teaches all of us it is okay to make a mistake. It teaches how sometimes a mistake can be an adventure.

Chrysanthemum by Kevin Henkes

Until Chrysanthemum started kindergarten she believed her name was perfect. When she goes to school the students make fun of her name and her self-esteem disappears. Her parents work to restore it and help her through this difficult time. The solution comes in the form of the school's popular music teacher who not only has an unusual name-Delphinium, but also plans to name her expected baby Chrysanthemum.

Don't Be Afraid to DROP! By Julia Cook

This book is for anyone who is at a transitional time in his or her life. Boy Raindrop is afraid to let go of his cloud and drop to the ground. He doesn't want to take a risk, he doesn't like change, and he is happy with his comfortable life. His father encourages him to jump out of his comfort zone and see what he is missing. This book provides all who read it with a positive perspective on change, taking risks, and giving back

Don't Laugh at Me by Steve Seskin

This book describes people who may look different-wear glasses or braces, use a wheelchair. It is an easy read that helps teach students words they can use to take charge and stop the cycle of teasing

Don't Squeal Unless It's a Big Deal by Jeanie Franz Ransom

The piglets in Mrs. McNeal's class learn the difference between tattling and informing an adult in an emergency.

Fill a Bucket by Carol McCloud and Katherine Martin

The concept of bucket filling is an effective metaphor for encouraging kind and considerate behavior as well as teaching the benefits of positive relationships to children. There are a series of books for all age groups, including an adult version.

Hey, Little Ant by Phillip and Hannah Hoose

This book is about compassion and making the decision to step on ant or not. The story is open-ended and will help lead students to a discussion about caring about others and making decisions for themselves.

How to Behave and Why by Munro Leaf

Here is a book from a simpler time when we all agreed on what was right and wrong. It was first published in 1946, and the author gives gently funny lessons in Honesty, Fairness, Strength and Wisdom. It is a guide for teaching everyone how to behave.

Howard Wigglebottom books-The series of award winning books are written by Howard Binkow and Susan F. Cornelison

These books use humor and real life situations with which children can identify to teach valuable life lessons. Children of all ages enjoy these stories and tips and lessons are included in the back of each book.

If Everybody Did by Jo Ann Stover

The funny and terrible consequences of everyone doing his own thing are portrayed in this book. Children and adults enjoy this precautionary story with its rhyming text and amusing illustrations.

It is Hard to Be a Verb! By Julia Cook

Louis is a verb! He has a lot of trouble focusing and he is always doing something, but the problem is usually it is the wrong something. His mom teaches him how to focus by showing him a few hands on ideas that anyone can try.

My Mouth is a Volcano! by Julia Cook

This book takes an empathetic approach to the habit of interrupting and teaches children a witty technique to capture their rambunctious thoughts and words for expression at an appropriate time.

One by Kathryn Otoshi

This is a book on showing it just takes one to make everyone count. It is also a fun book on colors and shapes. The color red is a hothead who picks on blue and the other colors do nothing to stop it until "1" shows up and teaches an important lesson to all of them

Only One You by Linda Kranz

This book is about how Adri's parents share the wisdom they have gained through the years with him. Their words are meant to comfort and guide him as he goes about exploring the world. The insights in this book will inspire all parents and children to "swim" through life.

Personal Space Camp by Julia Cook

This book teaches students about respecting other people's personal space. This story is a must-have resource for adults who want to communicate the idea of personal space in a manner easy for children to understand.

Rainbow Fish by Marcus Pfister

The Rainbow Fish is the most beautiful fish in the ocean. But he is proud and vain and none of the other fish want to be his friend---until he learns to give away some of his most prized possessions—his glittering scales.

Simon's Hook by Karen Gedig Burnett

Simon has a very bad day and tells his story to Grandma Rose. She helps him learn how to handle teasing and put-downs. By comparing teasing to fishing hooks she tells him a tale of how fish learn not to bite. After hearing the tale, Simon learns that he, too, can swim free from the teasing hooks that people toss his way.

Someday Is Not a Day of the Week by Denise Brenna-Nelson

Max wants to spend time with his family members, but each one is so busy they tell him they will do it "someday". When Max learns that "someday" is not part of the days of the week, he enlightens his family on the lesson of taking time for what is important.

Sorry! By Trudy Ludwig

Jack's friend, Charlie, know how to get away with just about everything. Just say "sorry" and grown ups will always back down. But does an apology count if you don't really mean it? And what happens when the person you have hurt knows you don't mean it? Jack's about to find out that there's a whole lot more to a real apology than a simple "sorry!".

Spaghetti in a Hot Dog Bun- Having the Courage to Be Who You Are by Maria Dismondy

This book helps children of all ages learn how to treat others with respect and accept differences.

Thank You, Mr. Falker by Patricia Polacco

This is an autobiography about the author's struggle with reading and her personal thank you to those teachers, who quietly but surely change the lives of their students.

The Ant and the Elephant by Bill Peet

The elephant is the kindest animal in the jungle and he rescues all the other animals. One day he needs help and an army of ants comes to his rescue.

The Recess Queen by Alexis O'Neill and Laura Huliska-Beith

This book is an original twist on the common issue of bullying. Kids will relate, and parents and teachers will appreciate the story's deft handling of conflict resolution, which happens without adult intervention.

The Worst Day of My Life by Julia Cook

This book describes RJ's worst day because of his lack of listening and following instructions. RJ's mom helps him learn what he needs to do to be a better listener so he can follow the instructions correctly. The next day is RJ's best day.

Value Tales-Written by various authors

Value Tales are a series of books about famous people. Each book teaches a value, as well as tells a story about the famous person. The books are lengthy, but worth reading and sharing with students.

Willow by Denise Brennan-Nelson and Rosemarie Brennan

Willow's art teacher likes things to be in place and she likes things to be colored just like they look. Willow enters her class and changes everything. She doesn't color inside the lines, she breaks crayons and she sees pink trees and blue apples. The art teacher learns that when your imagination is allowed to run wild there are endless possibilities and her idea of what art is and what is possible is forever changed.