Children's Books
by Bev Bos

...I am often asked why I choose the books I do. While some have suggested I have developed a strong intuitive sense, I prefer to think that I have simply learned from experience. After reading books to young children for more than thirty years, a good book has to meet a certain criteria for me...

My philosophy is that books do not belong in the library or just on the bookshelf at home. Kids should have easy access to books all the time. At home, they should be under the pillows, stacked by the bed, in every nook and cranny. Every bathroom should have not only the newspaper but children's books, too. They should be in the car.

At school, we make sure the books are within easy reach of the children. Books and words need to be as familiar to children as the food they eat, the music they hear and the art they do. If we want our children to become literate then we must do everything we can to make them comfortable with books and language.
"Fill your house with stacks of books, in all the crannies and all the nooks."
— Dr. Seuss

We love children's books!
Social-Emotional Intelligence: the ability to understand ourselves and other people, and in particular to be aware of, understand and use information about the emotional states of ourselves and others with competence. It includes the ability to understand, express and manage our own emotions, and respond to the emotions of others, in ways that are helpful to ourselves and others.

How Children’s Books Teach Social Emotional Learning

- Understand and manage own emotions and feelings
- Feel and show empathy for others
- Establish and maintain positive relationships
- Show emotions in a healthy way
- Conflict resolution/ Problem Solving Skills
- Self Reliance
- Patience
- Responsibility
- Calm and stilling skills

Books About Feelings
(and aren’t they all? 😊)

- A parent’s perspective, no matter what... Cheri J. Meiners, M.Ed.
- The Way I Feel, Janan Cain
- When Sophie Gets Angry... Really, Really Angry..., Molly Bang
- When I Feel Afraid, Cheri J. Meiners, M.Ed.
Books About Feelings
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Kathryn Otashi
Bradley Trevor Greive
Cindy McKinley

Books on Kindness and Empathy

Jerry Pinkney
Edward van de Vendel
Rana DiOrio
Bob Samson

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Brightly

"Promise me you'll remember, you are braver than you believe,
stranger than you seem, smarter than you think."

A.R. Mune

STEP 2
FIND A READING BUDDY.

A good one.
A buddy can be older...
or younger...
Time to Read....

- Relationships
- How You Read the Story
- Place

MEMORIES....

Books for Self Regulation

Elizabeth Verdick
“A children's story that can only be enjoyed by children is not a good children's story in the slightest.”
- C.S. Lewis

Choosing Good Books

• Would you like it read to you? Do you appreciate the story?
• Bev Bos notes - “If a kid doesn't say something on the first page, than I don't read it, I slip it away and choose another book.”
• What does the story say? Will it make sense to children? Do the illustrations complement the words?
• Choose books from all sorts of genres! Nonfiction, wordless, science fiction, fantasy, etc.
• Beware of books connected to products, commercialized or contain bias.
• Know your “audience”..... 😊

Books for Transitions

Audrey Penn

Elizabeth Verlick

Norman Juster

Naptime
Books for Transitions

Joseph Slate and Audrey Wolff

Burt Bacharach and Hal David

Books on Bullying

Patty Lovell
Elizabeth Verdick
Kathryn Otoshi
Erin Frankel

STEP 3
FIND A COZY READING SPOT.
Outside is fun . . . but not if it’s very cold. Unless you have thick woolen blankets, and hats and scarves, and cups of steaming hot cocoa.

I like it better HERE
WHERE I CAN SIT just quietly and smell the flowers.
—MUNRO LEAF, The Story of Ferdinand
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“...I do believe something very magical can happen when you read a good book.”

JK Rowling

Spaces and Places

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Conflict Resolution

Alicia Jewell
Cheri J. Meiners
Dr. Becky Bailey

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Difficult/ Serious Issues

- Death and Dying
- Health and Hospitalization
- Separation and Divorce
- Abuse
- Drugs and Alcohol Abuse
- Trauma
- More….
Books That Help with Issues

Pat Schwiebert  
Norma Simon  
Shelley Moore Thomas

Books on Difficult / Serious Issues

Judith Viorst  
Corinne Demas  
Fred Rogers

How to Use Books for Difficult or Serious Issues

• Read books to everyone that speak to children and say:  
  “I am here for you. I see you. I hear you.”
How to Use Books for Difficult or Serious Issues

Read books to individual children to meet his/her individual needs.

Mem Fox
Melanie Walsh

How to Use Books for Difficult or Serious Issues

Offer books and resources to families.

HEALING STORIES

PICTURE BOOKS FOR THE BIG & SMALL CHANGES IN A CHILD’S LIFE

Jacqueline Golding, Ph.D.

MANY Ways to Extend Stories

- Puppets
- Felt Board
- Plays
- Art
- Creating Your Own Stories/ Sequels

And then . . . if it was a really good story . . . go right back to the beginning and start all over again.
PUPPETS AS BOOK PALS...

Peter Yarrow & Lenny Lipton

FELT BOARDS AND STORYTELLING

Consider using the dust jacket as your characters!!

PLAYS

“Out of the Housekeeping Corner and Onto the Stage— Extending Dramatic Play.” Howell, Jacky Corbey-Scullen, Lynn; Young Children, Sep 1997

CREATING YOUR OWN STORY OR SEQUEL
RESOURCES ON FINDING THE RIGHT BOOKS!!

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