Books That Embrace Social Emotional Learning (SEL)

Picture Books

- When Things Don't Go Right Go Left, words by Mark Colagiovanni, pictures by Peter Reynolds
- Milo Imagines the World (words Matt de la Peña, pictures by Christian Robinson), Love (works by Matt de la Peña, pictures by Loren Long, Last Stop on Market Place (words Matt de la Peña, pictures by Christian Robinson)
- This a Story (words by John Schu pictures by Lauren Castillo), This is a School (words by John Schu pictures by Veronica Miller Jamison), Ruthie Rose's Big Idea (words by John Schu pictures by Holly Hatam)
- Maybe Tomorrow? by Charlotte Agell
- Anxious Charlie to the Rescue by Terry Milne
- The Rabbit Listened by Cori Doerrfeld
- After the Fall by Dan Santat
- Each Kindness and The Day You Begin by Jacqueline Woodson
- Drawn Together by Minh Lê
- Seven Golden Rings, Bracelets for Bina's Brothers, and Where Three Oceans Meet by Rajani LaRocca
- I'm Worried by Debbie Ridpath Ohi and Michael Ian Black (also I'm Bored and I'm Sad.)
- You Matter by Christian Robinson
- Lupe Lopez by e.E. Charlton Trujillo and Pat Zieltlow Miller, pictures by Joe Cepeda
- Benji, the Bad Day, and Me by Sally Pla
- When Sadness is at Your Door by Eva Eland
- Me and My Fear by Francesca Sanna
- Jack's Worry by Sam Zuppardi
- Brave Every Day, The Invisible Boy, Quiet Please, Owen McPhee! by Trudy Ludwig (all her books are wonderful for SEL)
- Be Kind, When You are Brave by Pat Zietlow Miller
- The Day You Begin by Jacqueline Woodson and Rafael López
- Just Ask! By Sonia Sotomayor and Rafael López
- Fry Bread: A Native American Family Story by Kevin Noble Maillard and Juana Martinez-Neal
- Be You! By Peter Reynolds
- I am Human by Susan Verde and Peter Reynolds (also I am Love and I am Peace)
- Carl and the Meaning of Life, Shy by Deborah Freedman
- Crunch, the Shy Dinosaur by Cirocco Dunlap Illustrated by Greg Pizzoli
- Wordy Birdy by Tammi Sauer Illustrated by Dave Mottram
- Grumpy Monkey by Suzanne Lang Illustrated by Max Lang
- How to be a Lion by Ed Vere
- Last Stop on Market Street by Matt de la Peña and Christian Robinson

- I Walk with Vanessa: A story about a single act of kindness by Kerascoët
- Dear Dragon by Josh Funk and Rodolfo Montalvo
- The Rough Patch by Brian Lies
- That's Life! By Ame Dyckman and Cori Doerrfeld

*Some books can be a trigger. Please know your community of readers.