

Social Justice Curriculum for Kindergarten and 1st Grade:

Before you begin, have students view:

- ▶ What is inequality and social justice? - BBC Bitesize Key Stage 3 Learning for Life and Work
- ▶ What is Social Justice?

September:

Theme: Hispanic America

Read Alouds:

- ▶ Alma and How She Got Her Name (English) Read-Aloud

Questions:

- What story would you like to tell about your name? (every name is unique and special)

Activity: List the names of the people in your family (this can be done on paper, students can verbalize members of family and then draw a picture of their family)

- ▶ Planting Stories: The Life of Librarian and Storyteller Pura Belpre Read-Aloud

Questions:

- What is Pura's job that she loves? (she was a librarian)

Activities: Discuss: Share a story about your family.

October:

Theme: Respect

Read Alouds:

- ▶ Read-Aloud of Chrysanthemum by Kevin Henkes

Questions:

- Why did Chrysanthemum's friends treat her differently? (Her name was unusual)

Activity: Draw a picture of your own perfect flower.

- ▶ Mango Abuela and Me

Questions:

- What does the little girl teach her Abuela?

Activity: Discuss: what are some traditions you have with your family?

November:

Theme: Veterans Book and American Culture

- ▶ Veterans Heroes In Our Neighborhood - Read Aloud Book for Veterans Day

Questions:

- Who are the heroes in this book? (veterans)

Activity: Discuss: do you know any veterans?

▶ [What Does It Mean To Be American? - Read Aloud](#)

Questions/Activity: Discuss:

- What does it mean to be American? (believing that all people are created equal)

December:

Theme: Holidays Around the World

▶ [Read Aloud | Hanukkah Bear by Eric A. Kimmel | CozyTimeTales](#)

Question:

- What do people do for the 8 weeks of Hanukkah? (Light 8 candles)
- What is the candle holder called? (Menorah)

Activity: Color a Menorah: [Menorah coloring sheet](#)

▶ [My Family Celebrates Kwanzaa - Read Aloud Children's Book](#)

Question:

- What does Kwanzaa celebrate? (African Culture)
- How long does Kwanzaa last? (7 days)

Activity: color the Kwanzaa candles: [Kwanzaa Candles](#)

▶ [PETE THE CAT SAVES CHRISTMAS Read Aloud ~ Christmas Story ~ Christmas Books f...](#)

Question:

- How does Pete the Cat save Christmas? (he helped Santa deliver presents)

Activity: decorate a Christmas Tree: [Christmas Tree Coloring sheet](#)

January:

Theme: Wellness/Mindfulness

▶ [You Are Like A Seed](#)

Question:

- How are you like a seed? (you start off small and then you grow)

Activity: Discuss: How are you like a seed?

▶ [My Feelings and Me: Kids books read aloud by Books with Blue](#)

Question:

- Why is it good to show your feelings? (it makes you feel better)

Activity: Discuss what you do to express your feelings.

📺 Be Kind: Kids books read aloud by Books with Blue

Question:

- What do the Characters do to make Tanisha feel better? (they try to make her feel better by sticking up for her when people make fun of her)

Activity: Discuss how you can be kind to others?

📺 🧡 Kids Book Read Aloud: KINDNESS IS MY SUPERPOWER | Alicia Ortego | Reading a...

Question:

- Why did the little boy make his friend cry? (he made fun of her for wearing glasses)
- How does the little boy make his friend feel better? (he can be kind to his friend)

Activity: Discuss: how can you help a friend who is upset?

February:

Theme: Black History Month

📺 Mrs. Kim Reads The Story of Ruby Bridges (READ-ALOUD)

Question:

- What did Ruby Bridges do that was so important? (She attended a white school).

Activity: Discuss: What is something brave you have done?

📺 I Am Martin Luther King Jr by Brad Meltzer| Books Read Aloud| StoryTimeWithMsMelange

Question:

- What did Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. want for all of us? (freedom for all)

Activity: Draw a picture about what freedom means to you.

📺 I am Rosa Parks by Brad Meltzer | READ ALOUD

Question:

- What did Rosa Parks do on the bus? (She sat in the white section of the bus and refused to move)

Activity: Discuss: Why is it important to stand up for yourself and others?

March:

Theme: Read Across America:

📺 We're Better Together/By Eileen Spinelli/Illustrated by Ekaterina Trukhan/Community/Tea...

Question:

- How are we better together? (when we play together, when everyone helps)

Activity: Discuss: what are some things we can do to be better together?

▶ The Lorax - Kids Books Read Aloud

Question:

- Who chops down the trees? (the Once-lers)
- Who speaks for the trees? (The Lorax)
- Why does the Lorax speak for the trees? (trees do not have tongues, he speaks about their needs)

Activity: color a Lorax tree. [Lorax Tree](#)

▶ The Cat In the Hat by Dr. Seuss Read Aloud

Question:

- What happens when the Cat in the Hat shows up to the house? (he entertains the children in their home, they make a mess)
- What does the Cat in the Hat do in the house? (he made a mess!)
- What does the Cat in the Hat do to clean up? (he calls Things one and two to help clean)

Activity: Color the Cat in the Hat: [Cat in the Hat coloring sheet](#)

April:

Theme: Diversity and Autism Awareness

▶ Read-Aloud of Whoever You Are by Mem Fox

Question:

- What makes us all so unique? (possible answers: We live in different places, we look different, families are different, etc.)

Activity: Draw a self portrait.

▶ Kids Read Aloud: "Same, Same but Different" by Jenny Sue Kostecki-Shaw

Question:

- What makes us the same? What makes us different? (possible answers: We might like the same things. We might come from different families)

Activity: Draw something you enjoy doing. Discuss how your pictures are the same and how they are different.

▶ My Brother Charlie

Question:

- How are Charlie and Callie different? (different personalities and interests)

- What makes Charlie different? (possible answer: he didn't play with Callie, he didn't hug mommy or Callie, Charlie's brain works differently, he has autism)

Activity: Draw a picture of you and your siblings.

May:

Theme: Asian Pacific Islander Month and Memorial Day

▶ 'Ohana Means Family

Question:

- What is everyone in 'Ohana Means Family getting ready for? (a party to celebrate family)

Activity: How do you get ready for a party in your family?

▶ Cora Cooks Pancit by Dorina K. Lazo Gilmore and Kristi Valiant / Children's Story Time R...

Question:

- What does Cora learn to cook? (pancits)

Activity: Describe your favorite food.

▶ 🇺🇸 Hero Dad Book Read Aloud Happy Memorial Day #herodadbook #memorialdaybooks...

Question:

- Why is the boy's dad a superhero? (he is a soldier)

Activity: Draw a picture of your hero

▶ Rolling Thunder - Memorial Day (Read Aloud)

Question:

- Who does the book talk about? (possible answers: Soldiers, veterans, etc.)

Activity: Discuss: Why is it important to remember and honor those who fought for our country?

June:

Theme: Flag Day

▶ 🇺🇸 F is for Flag 🇺🇸 | Read Aloud for kids! | Patriotic Books for Kids!

Questions:

- What does our flag stand for? (our country)

Activity: Color our American Flag: [American Flag Print out](#)

▶ FLAG DAY Children's Read Aloud Book

Question:

- What day do we celebrate Flag Day? (June 14)

Activity: Recite the Pledge of Allegiance