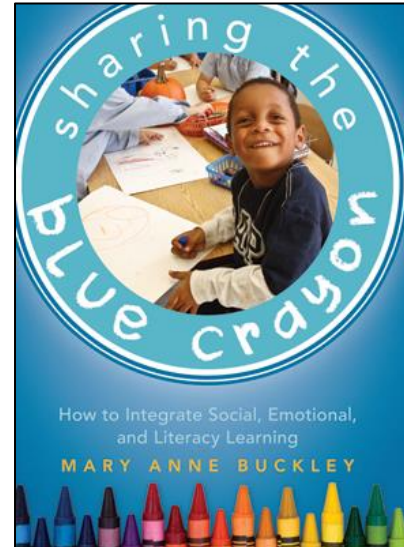


# Sharing the Blue Crayon: How to Integrate Social, Emotional, and Literacy Learning

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## Summary

Social and emotional learning is at the heart of good teaching, but as standards and testing requirements consume classroom time and divert teachers' focus, these critical skills often get sidelined. In *Sharing the Blue Crayon*, Mary Anne Buckley shows teachers how to incorporate social and emotional learning into a busy day and then extend these skills to literacy lessons for young children. Through simple activities such as read-alouds, sing-alongs, murals, and performances, students learn how to get along in a group, empathize with others, develop self-control and give and receive feedback, all while becoming confident readers and writers.

In this fresh and original book, Buckley captures the humor, wonder, honesty, and worries of our youngest learners and helps teachers understand how to harness their creativity and guide their conversations toward richer expressions of knowledge. Teachers of special populations will especially appreciate Buckley's successful strategies for reaching English language learners and children from high-poverty homes who may not have strong foundations for academic discourse.

## Other Resources

- *Social-Emotional Learning: Lessons for Developing Decision-Making Skills, Years 1–3* (TCR7903)
- *Social-Emotional Learning: Lessons for Developing Decision-Making Skills Years 4–6* (TCR7910)
- *Fostering Resilient Learners: Strategies for Creating a Trauma-Sensitive Classroom* (116014)
- *Teaching Empathy: A Blueprint for Caring, Compassion and Community* (SOT2583)