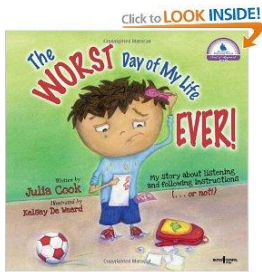


Books to Help with Social Skills: Younger Children

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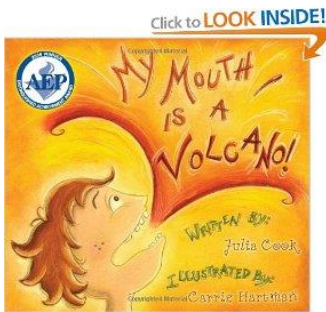
	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>What If Everybody Did That?</u> By Ellen Javernick 3 - 5 years</p> <p>If you drop just one soda can out the window, it's no big deal ... right? But what if everybody did that? What if everybody broke the rules ... and spoke during story time, didn't wash up, or splashed too much at the pool? Then the world would be a mess. But what if everybody obeyed the rules so that the world would become a better place? Using humorous illustrations rendered in mixed media, these questions are answered in a child-friendly way and show the consequences of thoughtless behavior.</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>You Get What You Get</u> By Ellen Javernick 3 - 5 years</p> <p>Melvin throws fit after fit when he doesn't get what he wants. He must learn how to deal with disappointment. After all, you get what you get and you don't throw a fit.</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Stand in My Shoes: Kids Learning About Empathy</u> by Bob Sornson Ph.D</p> <p>Empathy is the ability to notice what other people feel. Empathy leads to the social skills and personal relationships which make our lives rich and beautiful, and it is something we can help our children learn. This book teaches young children the value of noticing how other people feel. We're hoping that many parents read it along with their children.</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Lacey Walker, Nonstop Talker</u> By Christianne C. Jones</p> <p>Lacey Walker loves to talk. She talks all day, and sometimes all night. But when she loses her voice, Lacey learns the importance of listening.</p>



[The Worst Day of My Life Ever!](#)

By Julia Cook **4 years and up**

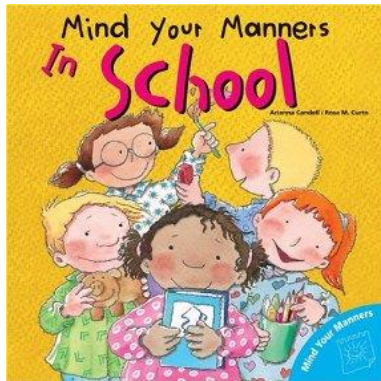
The book includes tips for parents and educators on how to effectively teach listening and following instructions skills to kids. Winner of the 2011 MOM's Choice Award Honoring Excellence and the National Parenting Center's 'Seal of Approval.'



[My Mouth Is a Volcano!](#)

By Julia Cook **4 years and up**

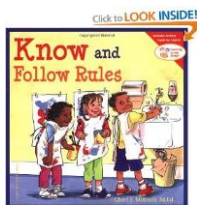
All of Louis thoughts are very important to him. In fact, his thoughts are so important to him that when he has something to say, his words begin to wiggle, and then they do the jiggle, then his tongue pushes all of his important words up against his teeth and he erupts, or interrupts others. His mouth is a volcano! My Mouth Is A Volcano 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. Told from Louis' perspective, this story provides parents, teachers, and counselors with an entertaining way to teach children the value of respecting others by listening and waiting for their turn to speak.



[Mind Your Manners: In School](#)

By Arianna Candell **4-7 years**

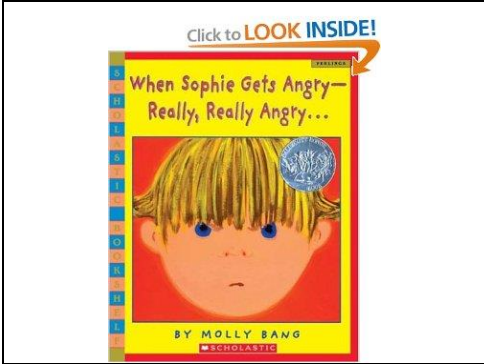
Brief stories describe classroom friendships, the importance of silence when the teacher is giving a lesson, the friendly way for borrowing and sharing storybooks, picking up toys after playtime, and other typical school situations. Several classroom games are suggested as activities for creative learning and play. The bright color illustrations on every page of How We Should Behave Books will appeal to younger boys and girls, while the easy to understand stories teach them fundamental rules of good behavior. The brief stories dramatize typical events in children's lives, showing kids as they interact with other children, with teachers, and with other adults.



[Know and Follow Rules](#)

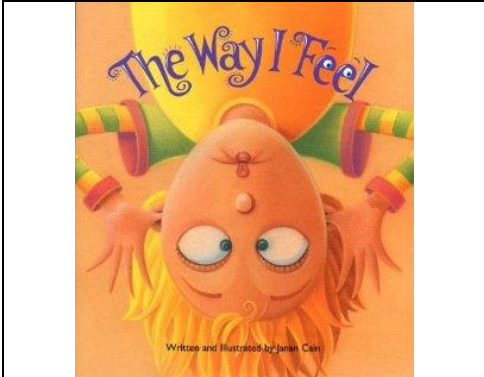
By Cheri J. Meiners M.Ed. **4-8 years**

A child who can't follow rules is a child who's always in trouble. This book starts with simple reasons why we have rules: to help us stay safe, learn, be fair, and get along. Then it presents just four basic rules: "Listen," "Best Work," "Hands and Body to Myself," and "Please and Thank You." The focus throughout is on the positive sense of pride that comes with learning to follow rules. Includes questions and activities adults can use to reinforce the ideas and skills being taught.



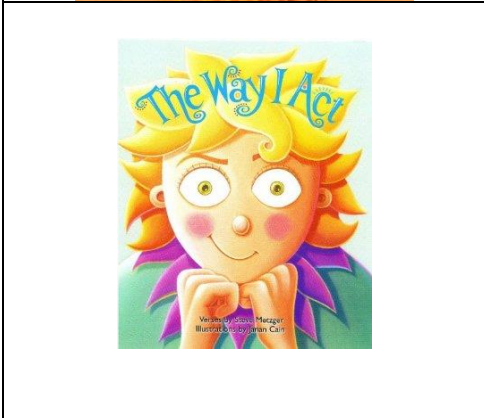
[When Sophie Gets Angry -- Really, Really Angry](#) By Molly Bang **4-8 years**

Everybody gets angry sometimes. For children, anger can be very upsetting. Parents, teachers, and children can talk about it. People do lots of different things when they get angry. In this Caldecott-honor book, kids will see what Sophie does when she gets angry. What do you do?



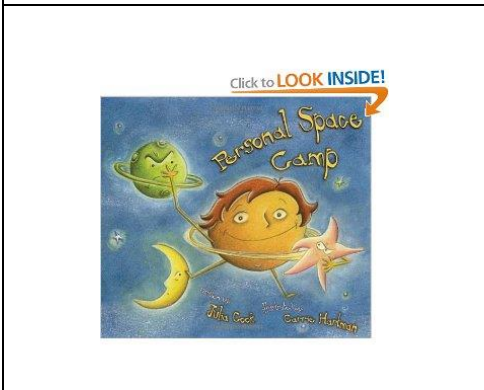
[The Way I Feel](#) By Janan Cain **3-8 years**

The zany characters who snuffle, soar and shriek through this book will help kids understand the concept of such emotions as joy, disappointment, boredom and anger. "The Way I Feel" will also show kids how to express their feelings with words.



[The Way I Act](#) By Steve Metzger **5-10 years**

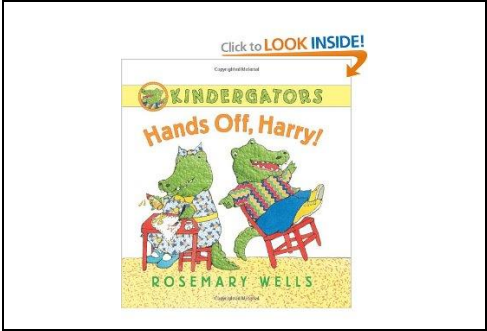
The Way I Act follows the pattern established by The Way I Feel, introducing a wide variety of character traits, including some not usually attributed to young children. Metzger's carefully crafted text is sensitive and free of bias and slang. Together with Cain's sometimes zany characters, The Way I Act shows scenarios that kids can identify with peering at bugs with a magnifying glass, making a bed, finishing a puzzle, sweeping up a mess.



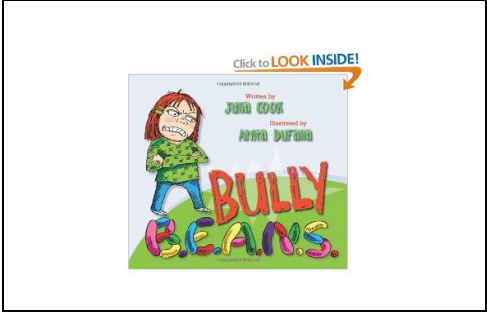
[Personal Space Camp](#)

By Julia Cook **4 years and up**

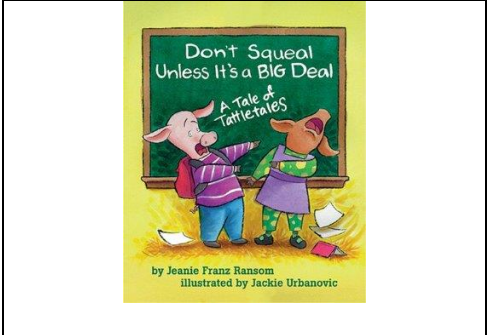
Louis, a self-taught space expert is delighted to learn that his teacher has sent him to the principal's office to attend personal space camp. Eager to learn more about lunar landings, space suits, and other cosmic concepts, Louis soon discovers that he has much to learn about personal space right here on earth. Written with style, wit, and rhythm, personal space camp addresses the complex issue of respect for another person's physical boundaries.



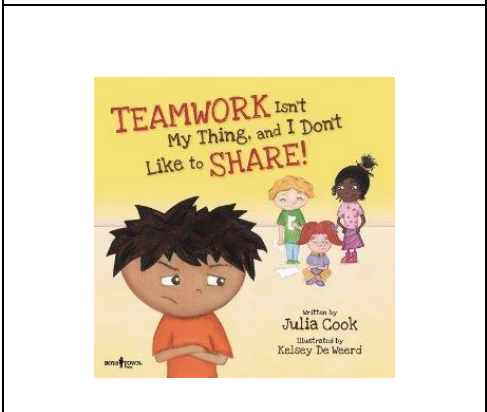
[Kindergators: Hands Off, Harry!](#)
 By Rosemary Wells **4-8 years**
 Kindergators work and play happily in Miss Harmony's class. But Harry isn't being a good classmate! He's disrupting Friendly Circle, causing accidents, and upsetting the class. Can the Kindergators find a way to help Harry learn to respect personal space?



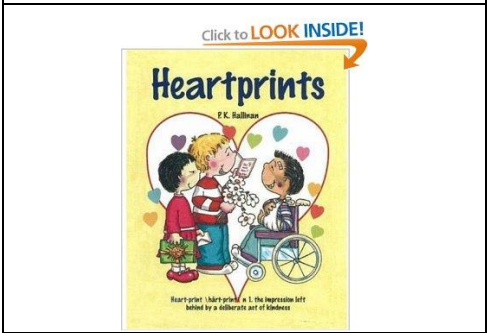
[Bully B.E.A.N.S.](#)
 By Julia Cook **4 years and up**
 Bully B.E.A.N.S. is a fun story that teaches people of all ages to become proactive when it comes to bullying. This book can help children and adults understand why bullying happens and what they can do to stop it. Finally, a bullying book that speaks to the bystander!



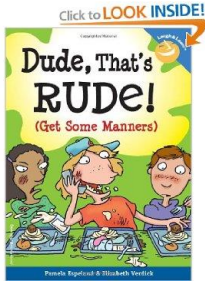
[Don't Squeal Unless It's a Big Deal: A Tale of Tattletales](#)
 By Jeanie Franz Ransom **4 tears and up**
 With humor and exuberance, a compassionate problem-solving teacher shows classmate piglets who squeal incessantly on each other how to know when to tell and when to solve conflicts themselves. Includes Note to Parents and Teachers.



[Teamwork Isn't My Thing, and I Don't Like to Share!](#)
 By Julia Cook
 RJ's having another bad day... His teacher wants him to work with bossy Bernice, messy Frankie, and Norma (who just sits and picks her nose) on a report about Egyptian mummies. After a frustrating school day with his team, RJ goes home to find only one cookie left in the jar. And his mom makes him share it with his sister! With the help of his coach, RJ learns that working as a team and sharing are skills needed not just on the soccer field, but in school and at home too!



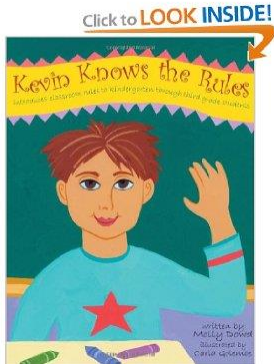
[Heartprints](#)
 By P. K. Hallinan **4 years and up**
 In this delightful and warm book, the author weaves a story of children helping others and leaving heartprints all along the way.



[Dude, That's Rude!](#)

By Pamela Espeland **8 years and up**

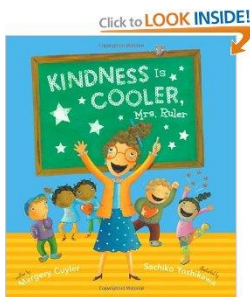
Full-color cartoons and kid-friendly text teach the basics of polite behavior in all kinds of situations—at home, at school, in the bathroom, on the phone, at the mall, and more. Kids learn Power Words to use and P.U. Words to avoid, why their family deserves their best manners, and the essentials of e-tiquette (politeness online).



[Kevin Knows the Rules: Introduces Classroom Rules To Kindergarten Through Third Grade Students](#)

By Molly Dowd

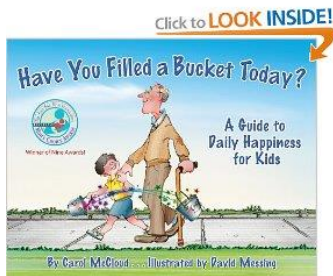
Introducing your class rules has never been so easy! Rules such as "Raise Your Hand" and "Walk Quietly in the Hall" are brought to life for your students by veteran teacher Molly Dowd and award winning illustrator Carla Golembe. Students and teachers can then discuss, model, and practice these rules together as a class. Children will gain a clear understanding of expectations in school settings, and they will feel confident and ready to learn! Let Kevin Knows the Rules help you achieve your goal of having the smooth-running class that you've always dreamed of so that in turn, your students can reach their full academic potential! *Poster is included for classroom display. **Also a fantastic resource for parents of children entering school.



[Kindness Is Cooler, Mrs. Ruler](#)

By Margery Cuyler **5 years and up**

Soon the entire class is doing so many good deeds that their kindness bulletin board barely fits their classroom! From clearing the table after dinner, to helping the elderly, one kindergarten class is proving that kids really can make a difference. Count along with Mrs. Ruler's class. Can all their good deeds really add up to 100 acts of kindness?



[Have You Filled a Bucket Today?](#)

By Carol McCloud **4 years and up**

Through simple prose and vivid illustrations, this heartwarming book encourages positive behavior as children see how rewarding it is to express daily kindness, appreciation, and love. Bucket filling and dipping are effective metaphors for understanding the effects of our actions and words on the well being of others and ourselves.