### **Books to Support Early Learning**



Use these storybooks with early/emergent learners (ages 4-7, learners with intellectual disabilities) to introduce, reinforce, and extend learning for each concept. Alignment to concept visuals and vocabulary are included throughout.

CONCEPT	воок	DISCUSSION QUESTIONS
Concept 1: What is Regulation?  Books that explore our needs, and the ways we regulate to feel healthy and well.  C1 Zones Visual Reference: Zones Meter	Sometimes I Need Helping Kids Care for Their Hearts, Minds & Bodies By Gabi Garcia Illustrated by Bianca Nita  You are Healthy By Todd Snow and Melodee Strong	What are some needs we learned about in the book?  How does taking care of regulating our needs make us feel?  Which healthy activity do you do?  How do you regulate your (hunger, thirst, movement) to feel healthy?
Concept 2: Introducing The Zones of Regulation	The Way I Feel  By Jann Cain	<ul> <li>Which emotion was new to you?</li> <li>Are you having any of the feelings from the book right now?</li> </ul>
Books that introduce a wide range of emotions and feelings.  C2 Zones Visual  Reference:  Four Zones Visual	The Feelings Book  By Todd Parr	<ul> <li>What emotions from the book have you had?</li> <li>Which Zones did you see in this book?</li> </ul>
	The Color Monster: A story about emotions  By Anna Llenas	<ul> <li>What's your favorite emotion page in the book? What do you like about it?</li> <li>Pick an emotion that's not in the book. How would you show it?</li> </ul>
The Blue Zone  Books that explore Blue Zone feelings.	I Feel Meh  By DJ Corchin	<ul> <li>What <b>Zone</b> do you think the main character is in?</li> <li>Have you ever felt "meh"? When?</li> </ul>
	BOREV I'm Bored  By Michael Ian Black  Illustrated by Debbie  Ridpath Ohi	<ul><li>Why does the potato think the girl is boring?</li><li>When are you bored?</li></ul>

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The Blue Zone (continued)	When I'm Feeling Lonely By Trace Moroney	<ul> <li>How could you tell what <b>Zone</b> the bunny is in?</li> <li>When are some times that you feel lonely?</li> </ul>
The Green Zone  Books that explore Green Zone feelings.	I Like Myself!  By Karen Beaumont  Illustrated by David Catrow	<ul> <li>How do you think the main character feels about themself?</li> <li>When do you feel proud?</li> </ul>
	THANKFUL BOOK By Todd Parr	<ul> <li>What are you thankful for?</li> <li>What <b>Zone</b> is thankful or grateful in? Why?</li> </ul>
	Layla's Happiness  By Mariahadessa Ekere Tallie  Illustrated by Ashleigh Corrin	<ul> <li>When was a time that you were happy?</li> <li>How can you tell which <b>Zone</b> Layla is in?</li> </ul>
The Yellow Zone  Books that explore Yellow Zone feelings.	Ruby Finds a Worry By Tom Percival	<ul> <li>What helps Ruby's worry shrink?</li> <li>When is a time you've had this Yellow Zone feeling?</li> </ul>
	Unicorn Thinks He's Pretty Great By Bob Shea	<ul> <li>How does goat feel about unicorn in the first half of the book? Why?</li> <li>When was a time that you felt jealous?</li> </ul>
	Waiting is Not Easy! By Mo Willems  Waiting is Not Easy!	<ul> <li>What <b>Zone</b> is Gerald in while he is waiting? How do you know?</li> <li>What <b>Zone</b> are you in when you are waiting for a long time?</li> </ul>



#### CONCEPT **BOOK DISCUSSION QUESTIONS** Fergal and the Bad Temper What Zone is Fergal in when The Red Zone FERGAL BAD TEMPER he's fiery? By Robert Starling Books that explore • Do we all get fiery sometimes? Red Zone feelings. **Barbara Throws a Wobbler** • What **Zone** was Barbara in during WOBBLER the beginning part of the book? By Nadia Shireen • Have you ever had a wobbler? Llama Llama Red Pajama • What **Zone** is baby Ilama in when he's waiting for his mama? By Anna Dewdney pajama Have you ever felt terrified? **Even Superheroes Have** What Zones did you see the **Concept 3: All the Bad Days** superheroes in? **Zones are Okay** By Shelly Becker Are all the superhero's feelings Books that normalize a okay? Are all their behaviors Illustrated by Eda Kaban wide range of emotions okay? and include situations that impact feelings. **Tough Guys** What are some situations the C2, C3 Zones Visual to (Have Feelings Too) tough guys had? **Reference:** Four Zones • How did the **situation** make By Keith Negley Visual, Emotion or them feel? **Behavior** My Cold Plum Lemon Pie Are all the moods shown in the my cold **Bleusy Mood** book okay? By Tamaka Fryer Brown How would you describe or show the mood (or Zone) you Illustrated by Shane W. Evans are in now? Listening to My Body What are some body signals we Concept 4: My Listening learned about in this book?

### Signals, My Zones

Books that explore body signals and sensations.

C4 Zones Visual to **Reference:** Four Zones **Body Signals** 



By Gabi Garcia and Ying Hui Tan



#### In My Heart: A Book of **Feelings**

By Jo Witek Illustrated by Christine Roussey

- Which body signals have you noticed for yourself?
- Which feeling or page did you like best? Why?
- How does your heart feel now?



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### Concept 5: The Zones Check-In

Books about noticing and communicating about feelings.

### C5 Zones Visuals to Reference:

Zones Check-In Choice Board, Zones Check-In Wand

#### **BOOK**



### **Visiting Feelings**

By Lauren Rubenstein Illustrated by Shelly Hehenberger

### Why is it helpful to notice our feelings?

**DISCUSSION QUESTIONS** 

 Which **Zone** or feeling is visiting you right now?



#### The Boy with Big, Big Feelings

By Britney Winn Lee Illustrated by Jacob Souva

- What are some feelings the boy had in the story?
- How did sharing their feelings help the characters?

### Concept 6: Situations that Trigger and Spark

Books that explore trigger and sparks.

### Concept 6 Zones Visual to Reference:

Trigger and Spark Labels



#### Crankenstein

By Samantha Berger Illustrated by Dan Santat

- What are some of Crankenstein's triggers?
- What are some of your triggers?



#### Clark the Shark

By Bruce Hale Illustrated by Guy Francis

- What are some sparks for Clark the Shark?
- What is a spark for you? How do you know?

### Concept 7: What is a Regulation Tool?

Books that introduce the idea of regulation tools.

### C7 Zones Visual to Reference:

**Community Zones Visual** 



#### **Allie All Along**

By Sarah Lynne Reul

- What Zone was Allie in?
- Which regulation tool seemed to help Allie the most?



#### The Rabbit Listened

By Cori Doerrfeld

- What Zone was Richard in?
- How does the rabbit help Richard?

# Concept 8: Building my Zones Toolbox

Books that teach regulation tools.

### C8 Zones Visual to Reference:

Tools for Each of My Zones



## B is for Breathe: The ABCs of Coping with Fussy and Frustration Feelings

By Dr. Melissa Munro Boyd

(Note: Includes a religious reference, the tool for P is pray.)



#### My Magic Breath: Finding Calm Through Mindful Breathing

By Nick Ortner and Alison Taylor Pictures by Michelle Polizzi

- Have you used one of the regulation tools shown in this book?
- What is a tool you'd like to try?
- How can your breath help you regulate?
- When are some good times to try a magic breath?



CONCEPT	ВООК	DISCUSSION QUESTIONS
Concept 8: Building my Zones Toolbox (continued)	Too Much! An Overwhelming Day By Jolene Gutiérrez Illustrated by Angel Chang	<ul> <li>What was one of Lilly's impulses?</li> <li>How did following her impulse work out for Lilly?</li> </ul>
Concept 9: Deciding to Regulate Books about impulse control and	Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse By Kevin Henkes By Kevin Henkes	<ul> <li>What are some <b>impulses</b> that Lilly does without thinking?</li> <li>What are some actions Lilly takes after pausing to think?</li> </ul>
decision-making.  C9 Zones Visual to Reference: Stop, Opt, & Go	Eat Pete! By Michael Rex	<ul> <li>What was the monster's impulse in this story?</li> <li>What were two options the monster had when he wanted to eat Pete? How would each of them work out?</li> </ul>
Concept 10: The Zones Pathway  Books to walk through the steps of the Zones Pathway.  C10 Zones Visual to Reference: Zones Pathway Step by Step	Zara's Big Messy Day (That Turned Out Okay)  By Rebekah Borucki and Danielle Piol  The Most Magnificent Thing By Ashley Spires	<ul> <li>What was one of Zara's triggers? What Zone was she in?</li> <li>What tool did Zara try? How did it help?</li> <li>What Zone(s) was the girl in as she tried to build her magnificent thing?</li> <li>What tool did she try? How did it help?</li> </ul>
All Concepts: Review and Extend Learning These books are part of The Zones of Regulation resource family, providing an engaging journey into understanding, identifying, and	The Zones of Regulation Storybook Set:  The Road to Regulation  By Leah Kuypers and Elizabeth Sautter	Tips and activities for building self-awareness of Zones are included in the back of the book.
	The Regulation Station  By Leah Kuypers and  Elizabeth Sautter	Tips and activities for practicing and using regulation tools are included in the back of the book.

managing Zones.