

PK-3 Early Years Guide

Growing younger students social and emotional strengths

In the early years, EduGuide builds a strong teacher-led foundation through PD and discussion guides. In grades two and three, teachers can start inviting early fluent readers to begin using EduGuide's online activities, which can be used with all students by grade 4.

Steps

- 1. Modeling.** Students start learning social and emotional skills through relationships and by example. So, the most important thing you can do to help your students is to regularly invest time in your own on-going social and emotional growth through EduGuide's online PD activities. After the orientation, each of the 20 annual self-paced activities only takes about 15 minutes. They can be done on your phone or any device. Teachers say they've seen EduGuide reduce their own stress levels as they grow in coaching their students social and emotional skills. To get even more out of the activities, do 1 per week and then respond to one of your colleague's online activities with an encouraging comment so that everyone can grow together.
- 2. Discussing.** EduGuide's online library provides discussion guides that you can use with the videos, vocabulary and other content from any of the 20 activities that you think would be helpful for your students.
- 3. Inviting.** In grades two and three, you can select early fluent readers to begin using EduGuide online on their own when you feel they are ready for EduGuide's reading, reflection and writing. EduGuide includes scaffolded reading supports; students can click on any word to get a low literacy definition or a translation into nine other languages or to hear an audio clip for most words. These words then go into a personal glossary which the student and teacher can reference again later. And by reviewing their writing and the words they need help on you can get a better sense of their readiness for more. Every year students can do 20 new activities on EduGuide.
- 4. Coaching.** When you respond to students online EduGuide activities with encouraging words you build stronger bonds that students say lets them know how much you care about their success. If you want, you can even continue to occasionally mentor students who have moved up to the next grade.