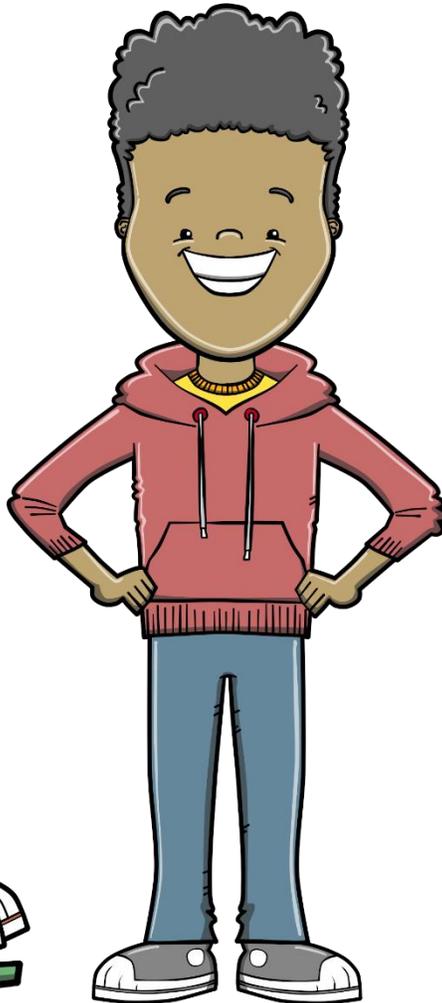




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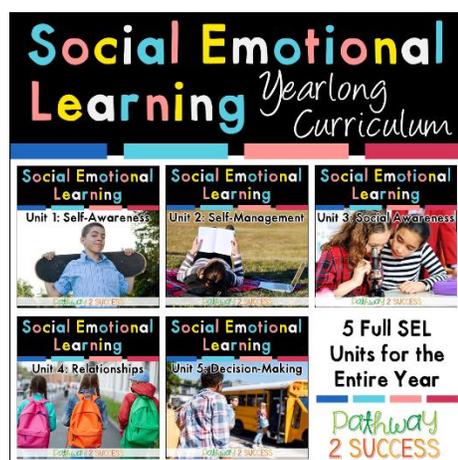
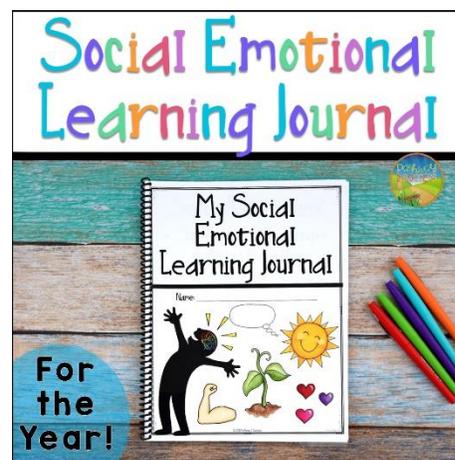
Building relationships is an important component to a positive classroom climate. This includes relationships between students as well as relationships between students and adults. Use this list of questions to help build relationships with students in your classroom. Note that both color (pages 3–5) and black/white (pages 6–9) options are included.

To use these questions, you can:

- Randomly select a few questions to ask and discuss during morning meeting or at the last few minutes of class.
- Cut the questions into small slips and put in a jar. Randomly select them to discuss whenever you have time.
- Put students into groups. Pass out the list of questions and have groups discuss.
- Come up with your own questions as a group and discuss.
- Have students get with a partner or group to play a game (any board game or activity). Prior to their turn, have students answer one of the questions.

More strategies and resources for improving relationships and classroom climate:

Use this [Social Emotional Learning Journal](#) to highlight critical SEL skills each day throughout the whole year! It is a simple solution to integrate social emotional learning while supporting a positive learning environment for all students.



If you need a greater focus on social emotional learning, consider this [yearlong social emotional learning curriculum](#) for older students. It includes daily or weekly activities focused on all areas of SEL for the entire year.

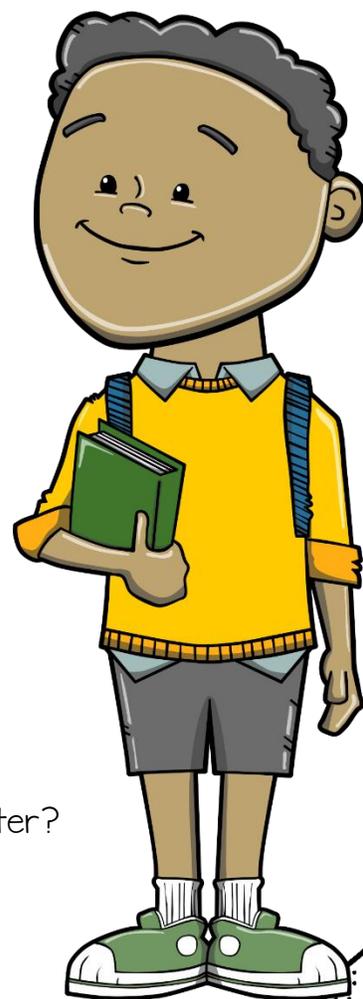
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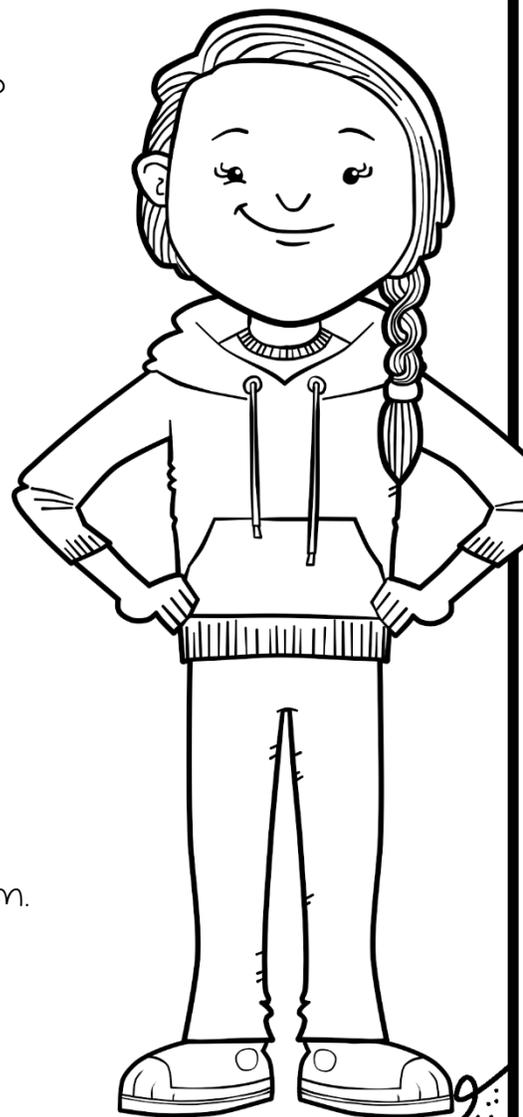
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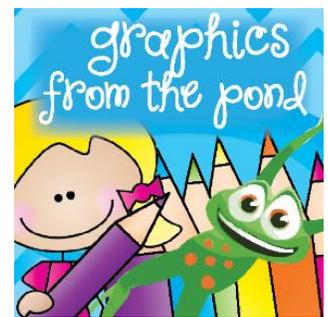
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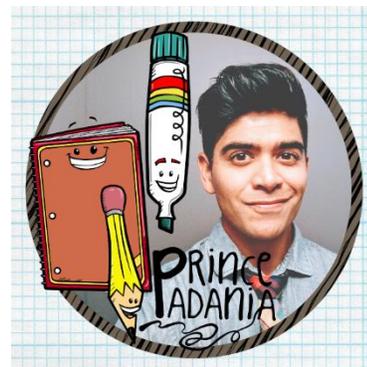
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