



“I Can’t Stop Reading”

**SEL
For K-8**



Using News-O-Matic for SEL!

As social and emotional learning (SEL) plays an increasingly important role in the curriculum, News-O-Matic is committed to publishing stories that help students recognize, acquire, and practice these skills. In order to help teachers further integrate SEL into the classroom, News-O-Matic develops regularly new articles related to the five core competencies of SEL, as defined by CASEL. All the past articles are available in the News-O-Matic searchable database.

News-O-Matic also includes voices from kids about how to stay positive. The content aims to help students deal with difficult emotions that may result from the stresses of external situation (e.g. the pandemic), school closures, and systemic racism, as well as more evergreen topics such as making friends, dealing with bullies, and forming healthy habits.

As with all News-O-Matic content, the SEL content is designed to be accessible to readers of all ages and abilities. All of the articles appear in three reading levels in English, and there are translations in Spanish, French, and Arabic. Native speakers read every article out loud in all four languages (at all of the levels) for students to listen along. Videos and colorful photos accompany the articles, and comprehension questions reinforce understanding of the text.

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News-O-Matic Aligned with the CASEL Standards!



Many News-O-Matic stories are aligned with the Collaborative for Academic, Social, and Emotional Learning (CASEL) SEL Competencies. Our content helps students develop skills in self-awareness, self-management, social awareness, relationship building, and responsible decision-making. Dedicated SEL lesson plans are also available.

“Enriching the social, emotional, and behavioral functioning of children is one of the most critical contributions that a school can make to a child’s development. Programs teaching SEL skills are particularly meaningful for children in today’s world, who are facing unprecedented emotional, social, and behavioral challenges. While children typically rely on schools to broaden their knowledge about the world, schools that integrate News-O-Matic’s new SEL content into their curriculum can also help children broaden their knowledge about themselves — by giving them tools of emotional intelligence that can last them a lifetime.” Dr. Phyllis Ohr News-O-Matic’s on-staff child psychologist.

World

SEL How to Be You!
Get set for the school year with social and emotional learning.

It's been a strange year.

You likely missed many months of school. Your summer probably seemed pretty different. Chances are, you've felt some stress. Now it's August, and school is almost back. What's that going to look like?

You might wear a mask to class, or you may continue remote learning. One thing is for certain: It's time to get learning. Yet it's not easy to open your mind to new information when you're dealing with all sorts of emotions. It may be tough to get your

SEL can help you in school — and in life!

U.S.

Handling Racism: Be an Ally

Learn ways to support others who may experience racism.

Wynne shows support for a Black Lives Matter protest.

“Ally” is an important word. It often means a country that helps another nation in a war. But the term also means a person who shows support for someone else during a struggle. For example, an ally could be a white student who stands up for a black student in her class. Right now, America needs allies more than ever to help end racism.

Dwayne Reed is a black 4th-grade teacher from Chicago, Illinois. He says it's not enough to simply not be racist yourself. Young people must take action if they want to make a difference. “Be an ally if you're a white child,” he told *News-O-Matic*. And for people of color, “Be clear about what you feel and where you stand. Express yourself honestly, but with respect and grace towards those who