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We Thinkers! Our Early Learner Curriculum Series!

We Thinkers! Volume 1* – Social Explorers and Volume 2 – Social Problem Solvers is an engaging Social Thinking® series designed to teach Michelle Garcia Winner’s basic Social Thinking Vocabulary concepts to children ages four to seven. Each volume consists of storybooks, curricula, and kid-friendly music that make core social concepts come alive for young learners.

In Volumes 1 and 2 ten of the basic Social Thinking Vocabulary concepts are introduced at the preschool and early elementary level through a storybook and related unit. Volume 1 explores five pivotal social concepts that help children learn to think about others as they learn to be part of a group. Volume 2 introduces five core Social Thinking concepts related to teaching stronger social executive functioning skills used in a classroom or group setting.

Each storybook is aligned with a curriculum unit that breaks down these social emotional concepts into concrete, teachable segments. Adults find detailed strategies and explicit ways to engage students and foster deeper learning about each concept. The teaching is cumulative: Volume 1 helps prime students for the deeper social concepts and activities presented in Volume 2. For this reason, adults need to first work through Volume 1 with students before using Volume 2.

Teaching the Curriculum, Concepts and Activities

As its name suggests, We Thinkers! is about group collaboration and providing students with an avenue through which they can learn about themselves, about others, and the dynamics of working or sharing space together. In this early learner series, the main teaching and learning avenue is play.

What does play have to do with group collaboration and classroom learning? It is well documented in the research that interactive and pretend play is the avenue through which our young children practice and perfect their social thinking and social skills. By the time children enter kindergarten it is assumed they have learned basic concepts and skills that allow them to work and learn academic concepts in a group setting.

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