

# Team Building For Children: Developing Community and Cooperation

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## Selected Web Resources for SEL

### Background on Social and Emotional Learning

Collaborative for Academic, Social and Emotional Learning

<http://www.casel.org/>

Center on the Social and Emotional Foundations for Early Learning

<http://csefel.vanderbilt.edu/>

[http://csefel.vanderbilt.edu/documents/rs\\_screening\\_assessment.pdf](http://csefel.vanderbilt.edu/documents/rs_screening_assessment.pdf)

Illinois Learning Standards/*Social/Emotional Learning (SEL)*

[http://isbe.net/ils/social\\_emotional/standards.htm](http://isbe.net/ils/social_emotional/standards.htm)

NYU Child Study Center *Social and Emotional Learning: What is it? How can we use it to help our children?* by Robin Stern, Ph.D

[http://www.aboutourkids.org/articles/social\\_emotional\\_learning\\_what\\_it\\_how\\_can\\_we\\_use\\_it\\_help\\_our\\_children](http://www.aboutourkids.org/articles/social_emotional_learning_what_it_how_can_we_use_it_help_our_children)

Resources for Early Childhood *Early Childhood Building Blocks: Social problem Solving in Early Childhood Education* by Michele Beery

[http://rec.ohiorc.org/orc\\_documents/orc/recv2/briefs/pdf/0015.pdf](http://rec.ohiorc.org/orc_documents/orc/recv2/briefs/pdf/0015.pdf)

### Activities

The “*PBS Parent*” section of the PBS website contains an extensive index of SEL activities and games. This link takes you directly to the activity index of the “*Arthur*” section of the site.

<http://www.pbs.org/parents/arthur/activities/development.html?cat=development>

“*A Place of Our Own*” This link takes you directly to the activities Index for Social and emotional skills.

[http://aplaceofourown.org/find\\_activities.php?skill=8](http://aplaceofourown.org/find_activities.php?skill=8)

“*Growing Kids*” This will link you to the non-competitive games ideas.

<http://www.growingkids.co.uk/NonCompetitiveGames.html>

“*Wilderdom*” is a site committed to “living in conjunction with nature”. These links take you directly to balloon and team activities but there are many other ideas in the general games index.

<http://wilderdom.com/games/descriptions/gamesballoons.html>

<http://www.wilderdom.com/games/InitiativeGames.html>



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## Print resources

Riley, Dave et al, Social & Emotional Development, Releaf Press, 2008.

This is a wonderful general resource for understanding and explaining to parents why social and emotional development is an important component of early childhood care and education. Each chapter cites research to support concepts.

The Center on the Social and Emotional Foundations for Early Learning web site mentioned above has an extensive list of children's books sorted by SEL related categories.

Good books on thinking and problem solving in the 150-155s section of the library. Here are some favorites:

Roberts, Sarah, Don't Cry Big Bird, Golden Press.

Anastasio, Dina, Big Bird Can Share, Golden Press.

Davis, Allison, Best Friends, Golden Press. The Mystery of the Missing Peanuts, Walt Disney Productions

## Science Books

Cobb, Vicki and Darling, Kathy, Bet You Can't, Avon Camelot Book.

Simple Science Experiments, Hans Jurgen Press.

Mandell, Muriel, Simple Science Experiments with Everyday Materials, Sterling Publishing Company.

**Any Good Riddle Books:** Many are out of print but here are a few that are available:

Rosenblum, Joseph and Joyce Behr. Biggest Riddle Book in the World. Sterling, 1975.

Dahl, Michael. Alphabet Soup: A Book of Riddles About Letters. Picture Window Books, 2003.

Lupton, Hugh. Riddle Me This. Barefoot Books, 2007.

Epstein, Raymond and Benjamin Kovler. Fundrum My Conundrum: A Book of Riddles.

Fundrum Pub., 1994. (note: not all riddles in this book are appropriate for young children)

## Some Activity Ideas to Draw Upon

### Group Activities:

Friendship Dance  
Group Untangle  
Hoop Around  
The Needle Sews  
Blanket Toss  
Rope Challenge  
Musical Hoops  
String Figures

Helium Stick

Icosahedron Challenge

### Partner Challenges:

Make Letters

Amazing Get-Up

Wringer

Wheelbarrow

### Group Discussion:

Ball in Tube Problem

Interesting Pictures

### Science Stumpers:

Bottle/Straw Problem

Balloon/Glass Problem

Chip/Paper Problem

Triangle/Chip Problem

Bubble/Straw Problem

Triangle/Stick Problem

Thinking Challenges