



## Picture Books to Support Character Education Lessons



Picture books expand children's experiences and provide opportunities for classroom discussion. The following picture books reflect positive character traits including the traits outlined in the popular Six Pillars of Character program. Students can see themselves or friends in storybook characters and wonder how the characters will solve their challenges. Classroom teachers have the opportunity to emphasize positive character traits by reading and discussing quality children's picture books with their students.

The picture books are organized by character traits that are placed in alphabetical order starting with the Six Pillars of Character traits and followed by additional positive character traits. There is also a listing of videos available from the San Diego County Office of Education's Media Services and a list of helpful websites that provide lesson plans, units, and other support material.

### Six Pillars of Character

**Trustworthiness**—Be honest • Don't deceive, cheat or steal • Be reliable—do what you say you'll do • Have the courage to do the right thing • Build a good reputation • Be loyal—stand by your family, friends and country

**Respect**—Treat others with respect and follow the Golden Rule • Be tolerant of differences • Use good manners, not bad language • Be considerate of the feelings of others • Don't threaten, hit or hurt anyone • Deal peacefully with anger, insults and disagreements

**Responsibility**—Do what you are supposed to do • Persevere: keep on trying! • Always do your best • Use self-control • Be self-disciplined • Think before you act—consider the consequences • Be accountable for your choices

**Fairness**—Play by the rules • Take turns and share • Be open-minded and listen to others • Don't take advantage of others • Don't blame others carelessly

**Caring**—Be kind • Be compassionate and show that you care • Express gratitude • Forgive others • Help people in need

**Citizenship**—Do your share to make your school and community better • Cooperate • Get involved in community affairs • Stay informed and vote • Be a good neighbor • Obey laws and rules • Respect authority • Protect the environment

—From <http://www.charactercounts.org>

## Picture Books That Support the Six Pillars of Character Traits

### Caring

Andersen, Hans Christian. *The Little Match Girl*  
Brimner, Larry Dane. *The Sidewalk Patrol*  
Bunting, Eve. *Night Tree*  
Bruchac, Joseph. *The Great Ball Game: A Muskogee Story*  
Bunting, Eve. *Summer Wheels*  
Cohen, Barbara. *Molly's Pilgrim*  
Bang, Molly. *The Paper Crane*  
Delton, Judy. *Two Good Friends*  
dePaola, Tomie. *Nana Upstairs, Nana Downstairs*  
dePaola, Tomie. *Now One Foot, Now the Other*  
Fine, Edith Hope. *Under the Lemon Moon*  
Fleming, Candace. *Boxes for Katje*  
Fox, Mem. *Wilfrid Gordon McDonald Partridge*  
Fox, Mem. *Tough Boris*  
Freeman, Don. *Corduroy*  
Lionni, Leo. *Alexander and the Wind-Up Mouse*  
Lionni, Leo. *Tico and the Golden Wings*  
Martin, Bill Martin, Jr. *Knots on a Counting Rope*  
McPhail, David. *The Teddy Bear*  
Meddaugh, Susan. *Martha Walks the Dog*  
Miller, William. *The Piano*  
Ness, Evaline. *Sam, Bangs & Moonshine*  
Nolen, Jerdine. *Raising Dragons*  
Perrault. *Cinderella*  
Polacco, Patricia. *Chicken Sunday*  
Polacco, Patricia. *I Can Hear the Sun*  
Polacco, Patricia. *Pink and Say*  
Polacco, Patricia. *Rechenka's Eggs*  
Polacco, Patricia. *Thank You Mr. Falker*  
Ransome, Arthur. *The Fool of the World and the Flying Ship*  
Schertle, Alice. *Down the Road*  
Saltzberg, Barney. *Crazy Hair Day*  
Saltzberg, Barney. *Mrs. Morgan's Lawn*  
San Souci, Robert D. *The Talking Eggs*  
Sharmat, Marjorie. *Gladys Told Me to Meet Her Here*  
Sharmat, Marjorie. *Mooch the Messy*  
Simont, Marc. *The Stray Dog*  
Soto, Gary. *Chato and the Party Animals*  
Stanley, Diane. *Raising Sweetness*  
Step toe, John. *Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters*  
Turner, Ann. *Katie's Trunk*  
Turner, Ann. *Nettie's Trip South*  
Viorst, Judith. *Tenth Good Thing About Barney*  
Zolotow, Charlotte. *William's Doll*

### Fairness

Brimner, Larry. *The Noodle Game*  
Brown, Marcia. *Stone Soup*  
Clifton, Lucille. *Everett Anderson's Friend*  
Cohen, Barbara. *Molly's Pilgrim*  
Cronin, Doreen. *Click, Clack, Moo: Cows That Type*  
Hoffman, Mary. *Amazing Grace*  
Kimmel, Eric. *Cactus Soup*  
Krull, Kathleen. *Harvesting Hope: The Story of Cesar Chavez*  
Lester, Helen. *Me First*  
Lovell, Patty. *Stand Tall Molly Lou Melon*  
Pfister, Marcus. *Rainbow Fish*  
Scieszka, Jon. *The True Story of the Three Little Pigs*  
Seuss, Dr. *The Sneetches*  
Viorst, Judith. *Alexander Who Use to Be Rich Last Sunday*  
Various Authors. *The Little Red Hen*

### Kindness

Cohen, Miriam. *Best Friends*  
Cole, Joanna. *Bully Trouble*  
Bang, Molly. *The Paper Crane*  
Friedman, Ina R. *How My Parents Learned to Eat*  
Hutchins, Pat. *My Best Friend*  
Brown, Marcia. *Stone Soup*  
dePaola, Tomie. *William's Doll*  
Henkes, Kevin. *Chrysanthemum*  
Keats, Ezra Jack. *Goggles!*  
Polacco, Patricia. *Thank You, Mr. Falker*  
Seuss, Dr. *Horton Hears a Who!*  
Step toe, John. *Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters*  
Woodson, Jacqueline. *The Other Side*

### Respect

Adler, Carole S. *Get Lost, Little Brother*  
Aliko. *Two of Them*  
Andersen, Hans Christian. *The Ugly Duckling*  
Bartone, Elisa. *Peppe the Lamplighter*  
Beaumont, Karen. *I Like Myself!*  
Borden, Louise. *A Lincoln and Me*  
Brimner, Larry Dane. *The Sidewalk Patrol*  
Brimner, Larry Dane. *School Rules*  
Brown, Marc. *Arthur's Eyes*  
Brown, Marcia. *Once a Mouse: A Fable Cut in Wood*  
Bruchac, Joseph. *The Great Ball Game: A Muskogee Story*  
Bunting, Eve. *The Wednesday Surprise*  
Bunting, Eve. *On Call Back Mountain*  
Bunting, Eve. *So Far From the Sea*  
Bunting, Eve. *Smoky Night*  
Bunting, Eve. *Summer Wheels*  
Burton, Virginia Lee. *Mike Mulligan and His Steam Shovel*  
Cannon, Janell. *Stellaluna*  
Carle, Eric. *Grouchy Ladybug*  
Child, Lauren. *I Will Never, Not Ever, Eat a Tomato*  
Cohen, Miriam. *Best Friends*  
Coles, Babette. *Prince Cinders*  
Curtis, Jamie Lee. *Tell Me Again About the Night I was Born*  
dePaola, Tomie. *Nana Upstairs, Nana Downstairs*  
dePaola, Tomie. *Now One Foot, Now the Other*  
Ets, Marie. *Play with Me*  
Fine, Edith Hope. *Under the Lemon Moon*  
Fleischman, Paul. *Weslandia*  
Fox, Mem. *Wilfrid Gordon McDonald Partridge*  
Friedman, Ina R. *How My Parents Learned to Eat*  
Freeman, Don. *Come Again, Pelican*  
Garland, Sherry. *The Lotus Seed*  
Greenfield, Eloise. *Daydreamers*  
Grimm. *The Frog Prince*  
Kellogg, Steven. *Johnny Appleseed*  
Lester, Helen. *Tacky the Penguin*  
Lester, Helen. *Hooway for Wodney Wat*  
Lionni, Leo. *Inch by Inch*  
Lobel, Arnold. *Frog and Toad All Year*  
Lobel, Arnold. *Frog and Toad Are Friends*  
Lobel, Arnold. *Frog and Toad Together*  
Lovell, Patty. *Stand Tall, Molly Lou Melon*  
Marshall, James. *George and Martha*  
Marshall, James. *George and Martha Encore*  
Marshall, James. *George and Martha One Fine Day*  
McPhail, David. *Sisters*  
Miles, Miska. *Annie and the Old One*  
Miller, William. *The Piano*  
O'Neill, Alexis. *Recess Queen*

Peet, Bill. *Big Bad Bruce*  
 Perrault. *Cinderella*  
 Perrault. *The Sleeping Beauty*  
 Polacco, Patricia. *The Keeping Quilt*  
 Polacco, Patricia. *Pink and Say*  
 Rylant, Cynthia. *Scarecrow*  
 Say, Allen. *The Bicycle Man*  
 Sendak, Maurice. *Where the Wild Things Are*  
 Seuss, Dr. *The Lorax*  
 Shannon, David. *A Bad Case of Stripes*  
 Sharmat, Marjorie. *Bartholomew, the Bossy*  
 Schur, Maxine Rose. *The Peddler's Gift*  
 Shea, Pegi Deitz. *The Whispering Cloth: A Refugee's Story*  
 Silverstein, Shel. *The Giving Tree*  
 Spier, Peter. *People*  
 Steig, William. *Amos & Boris*  
 Galdone, Paul. *The Three Billy Goats Gruff*  
 Stevenson, James. *Wilfred the Rat*  
 Thurber, James. *Many Moons*  
 Turkle, Brinton. *Thy Friend, Obadiah*  
 Van Allsburg, Chris. *The Polar Express*  
 Waber, Bernard. *Ira Sleeps Over*  
 Wells, Rosemary. *Yoko*  
 Williams, Margery. *Velveteen Rabbit*  
 Williams, Vera B. *A Chair for My Mother*  
 Winter, Jeanette. *Follow the Drinking Gourd*  
 Wiesniewski, David. *Golem*  
 Winthrop, Elizabeth. *Dumpy La Rue*  
 Woodson, Jacqueline. *The Other Side*  
 Yangsook, Choi. *The Name Jar*  
 Yashima, Taro. *Crow Boy*  
 Yolen, Jane. *Owl Moon*  
 Zolotow, Charlotte. *The Quarreling Book*  
 Zolotow, Charlotte. *William's Doll*

### Responsibility

Arnold, Tedd. *The Signmaker's Assistant*  
 Bartone, Elisa. *Peppe the Lamplighter*  
 Berenstain, Stan and Jan. *Berenstain Bears and the Messy Room*  
 Brimmer, Larry. *The Promise*  
 Brown, Marc Tolon. *Arthur's Computer Disaster*  
 Bruchac, Joseph. *The Great Ball Game: A Muskogee Story*  
 Bunting, Eve. *Summer Wheels*  
 Burton, Virginia Lee. *Katy and the Big Snow*  
 dePaola, Tomie. *The Legend of the Indian Paintbrush*  
 dePaola, Tomie. *Strega Nona*  
 Fox, Mem. *Harriet, You'll Drive Me Wild*  
 Gramatky, Hardie. *Little Toot*  
 Grimm. *Little Red Riding Hood*  
 Havill, Juanita. *Jamaica's Find*  
 Henkes, Kevin. *Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse*  
 Heyward, Du Bose. *The Country Bunny and the Little Gold Shoes*  
 Joose, Barbara. *Lewis & Papa: Adventure on the Santa Fe Trail*  
 Kay, Verla. *Gold Fever*  
 Kellogg, Steven. *Can I Keep Him?*  
 Krauss, Ruth. *The Carrot Seed*  
 Martin, Jacqueline Briggs. *Snowflake Bentley*  
 Mayer, Mercer. *Liza Lou and the Yeller Belly Swamp*  
 Nolen, Jerdine. *Raising Dragons*  
 Pilkey, Dav. *The Paperboy*  
 Peet, Bill. *The Wump World*  
 Perrine, Mary. *Salt Boy*

Polacco, Patricia. *Chicken Sunday*  
 Polacco, Patricia. *Mrs. Katz and Tush*  
 Polacco, Patricia. *Pink and Say*  
 Potter, Beatrix. *The Tale of Peter Rabbit*  
 Schertle, Alice. *Down the Road*  
 Schur, Maxine Rose. *The Peddler's Gift*  
 Seuss, Dr. *Horton Hatches the Egg*  
 Shannon, David. *No, David!*  
 Steig, William. *Brave Irene*  
 Van Allsburg, Chris. *Two Bad Ants*  
 Van Allsburg, Chris. *Jumanji*  
 Viorst, Judith. *Alexander Who Used to Be Rich Last Sunday*  
 Waber, Bernard. *Ira Sleeps Over*  
 Ward, Lynd. *The Biggest Bear*

### Citizenship

Adler, David A. *The Babe & I*  
 Baylor, Byrd. *Hawk, I'm Your Brother*  
 Blos, Joan. *Old Henry*  
 Bunting, Eve. *Fly Away Home*  
 Carlson, Nancy. *How to Lose All Your Friends*  
 Cooney, Barbara. *Miss Rumphius*  
 Creech, Sharon. *A Fine, Fine School*  
 Cronin, Doreen. *Click, Clack, Moo: Cows That Type*  
 Cronin, Doreen. *Duck for President*  
 dePaola, Tomie. *The Legend of Bluebonnet*  
 Deedy, Carmen Agra. *The Yellow Star*  
 Guthrie, Donna. *A Rose for Abby*  
 Henkes, Kevin. *Chrysanthemum*  
 Johnson, D.B. *Henry Hikes to Fitchburg*  
 Keates, Ezra Jack. *Goggles!*  
 Lee, Milly. *Nim and the War Effort*  
 McPhail, David. *The Teddy Bear*  
 O'Neill, Alexis. *Recess Queen*  
 Polacco, Patricia. *Thank You, Mr. Falker*  
 Ryan, Pam Muñoz. *The Flag We Love*  
 Ryan, Pam Muñoz. *One Hundred Is a Family*  
 Saltzberg, Barney. *Crazy Hair Day*  
 Seuss, Dr. *The 500 Hats of Bartholomew Cubbins*  
 Wahl, Jan. *Candy Shop*  
 Yangsook, Choi. *The Name Jar*

### Trustworthiness

Aesop. *The Boy Who Cried Wolf*  
 Andersen, Hans Christian. *The Emperor's New Clothes*  
 Beskow, Elsa. *Pelle's New Suit*  
 Burton, Virginia Lee. *Mike Mulligan and His Steam Shovel*  
 Chora, Kay. *Molly's Lies*  
 Demi. *The Empty Pot*  
 Hayes, Joe. *Juan Verdades: The Man Who Couldn't Tell a Lie*  
 Hoban, Russell. *Bargain for Frances*  
 Lionni, Leo. *Swimmy*  
 Marshall, James. *George and Martha*  
 Monjo, F. N. *The Drinking Gourd*  
 Ness, Evaline. *Sam, Bangs & Moonshine*  
 Peet, Bill. *Cowardly Clyde*  
 Piper, Watty. *The Little Engine That Could*  
 Silverstein, Shel. *The Giving Tree*  
 Soto, Gary. *Too Many Tamales*  
 Turkle, Brinton. *Adventures of Obadiah*  
 Yashima, Taro. *Crow Boy*

## Picture Books That Support Positive Character Traits

Although the following character traits aren't adjectives used in Six Pillars of Character, they are traits that are important for students to read and learn about. Some of the traits could easily be folded into the Six Pillars of Character study, but it might also be helpful to use additional adjectives to describe positive characteristics. The following character traits were identified by Susan Hall in *Using Picture Storybooks to Teach Character Education* (Oryx Press). The listed books are available in schools that contract for School Library Service or are available for circulation from School Library Service. Hall's outstanding, comprehensive resource is also available for loan from the San Diego County Office of Education's Library Media Service.

### Cooperation

Cooper, Helen. *Pumpkin Soup*  
Ernst, Lisa Campbell. *Sam Johnson and the Blue Ribbon Quilt*  
Nolen, Jerdine. *Raising Dragons*  
Rathmann, Peggy. *Officer Buckle and Gloria*

### Courage

Aardema, Verna. *Borreguita and the Coyote*  
Such, Mary Jane. *Bantam of the Opera*  
Bunting, Eve. *Summer Wheels*  
Edwards, Pamela Duncan. *The Worrywarts*  
Hest, Amy. *The Purple Coat*  
Joose, Barbara. *Lewis & Papa: Adventure on the Santa Fe Trail*  
McCully, Emily Arnold. *The Ballot Box Battle*  
McCully, Emily Arnold. *Mirette on the High Wire*  
Ryan, Pam Muñoz. *Amelia and Eleanor Go for a Ride*  
Ryan, Pam Muñoz. *When Marian Sang*  
Schur, Maxine Rose. *The Peddler's Gift*  
Ward, Lynd. *The Biggest Bear*  
Yorinks, Arthur. *Hey, Al*

### Diligence

dePaola, Tomie. *The Legend of the Indian Paintbrush*  
Ernst, Lisa Campbell. *Sam Johnson and the Blue Ribbon Quilt*  
Hopkinson, Deborah. *Sweet Clara and the Freedom Quilt*  
London, Jonathan. *Hip Cat*  
Martin, Jacqueline Briggs. *Snowflake Bentley*  
McCully, Emily Arnold. *The Ballot Box Battle*  
Nolen, Jerdine. *Raising Dragons*  
Pilkey, Dav. *The Paperboy*  
Robbins, Ruth. *Baboushka and the Three Kings*  
Stewart, Sarah. *The Gardener*

### Discernment

Bunting, Eve. *On Call Back Mountain*  
Bunting, Eve. *Smoky Night*  
Conrad, Pam. *The Rooster's Gift*  
McCully, Emily Arnold. *The Ballot Box Battle*  
Rathmann, Peggy. *Officer Buckle and Gloria*  
Say, Allen. *Allison*  
Say, Allen. *Emma's Rug*  
Say, Allen. *Grandfather's Journey*  
Stewart, Sarah. *The Gardener*  
Yorinks, Arthur. *Hey, Al*

### Empathy

Ackerman, Karen. *Song and Dance Man*  
Borden, Louise. *A. Lincoln and Me*  
Bruchac, Joseph. *The Great Ball Game: A Muskogee Story*  
Bunting, Eve. *Summer Wheels*  
Fleming, Candace. *The Hatmaker's Sign*  
Hest, Amy. *The Purple Coat*  
Say, Allen. *Grandfather's Journey*

Schertle, Alice. *Down the Road*  
Yolen, Jane. *Owl Moon*

### Forgiveness

Bang, Molly. *When Sophie Gets Angry—Really, Really Angry*  
Bunting, Eve. *Smoky Night*  
Bunting, Eve. *So Far from the Sea*  
Bunting, Eve. *Summer Wheels*  
Cooper, Helen. *Pumpkin Soup*  
Schertle, Alice. *Down the Road*  
Schur, Maxine Rose. *The Peddler's Gift*  
Sendak, Maurice. *Where the Wild Things Are*

### Fortitude

Auch, Mary Jane. *Bantam of the Opera*  
Fleming, Candace. *The Hatmaker's Sign*  
Joose, Barbara. *Lewis & Papa: Adventure on the Santa Fe Trail*  
Lee, Milly. *Nim and the War Effort*  
Martin, Jacqueline Briggs. *Snowflake Bentley*  
McCully, Emily Arnold. *The Ballot Box Battle*  
Provensen, Alice and Martin Provensen. *The Glorious Flight*  
Shea, Pegi Deitz. *The Whispering Cloth: A Refugee's Story*  
Steig, William. *Sylvester and the Magic Pebble*

### Generosity—Giving

Bunting, Eve. *December*  
Cooper, Helen. *Pumpkin Soup*  
Leodhas, Sorche Nic. *Always Room for One More*  
Miller, William. *The Piano*  
Robbins, Ruth. *Baboushka and the Three Kings*  
Say, Allen. *Allison*  
Stewart, Sarah. *The Gardener*

### Helpfulness

Auch, Mary Jane. *Bantam of the Opera*  
Bruchac, Joseph. *The Great Ball Game: A Muskogee Story*  
Fleming, Candace. *The Hatmaker's Sign*  
Hopkinson, Deborah. *Sweet Clara and the Freedom Quilt*  
Levitin, Sonia. *Nine for California*  
McCully, Emily. *Mirette on the High Wire*  
Miller, William. *The Piano*  
Wiesniewski, David. *Golem*

### Honesty

Ernst, Lisa Campbell. *When Bluebell Sang*  
Joose, Barbara. *Lewis & Papa: Adventure on the Santa Fe Trail*  
Meddaugh, Susan. *Martha Blah Blah*  
Ness, Evaline. *Sam, Bangs & Moonshine*  
Schertle, Alice. *Down the Road*  
Schur, Maxine Rose. *The Peddler's Gift*  
Soto, Gary. *Too Many Tamales*

### Hope

Auch, Mary Jane. *Bantam of the Opera*  
dePaola, Tomie. *The Legend of the Indian Paintbrush*  
Edwards, Pamela Duncan. *Honk!*  
Garland, Sherry. *The Lotus Seed*  
Kay, Verla. *Gold Fever*  
McCully, Emily Arnold. *The Ballot Box Battle*  
Provinsen, Alice and Martin Provinsen. *The Glorious Flight*  
Shea, Pegi Deitz. *The Whispering Cloth: A Refugee's Story*  
Shulevitz, Uri. *Snow*  
Steig, William. *Sylvester and the Magic Pebble*  
Van Allsburg, Chris. *The Polar Express*  
Yolen, Jane. *Owl Moon*

### Justice

Bunting, Eve. *So Far From the Sea*  
Bunting, Eve. *Summer Wheels*  
Lester, Helen. *Hooway for Wodney Wat*  
Lester, Helen. *Princess Penelope's Parrot*  
Meddaugh, Susan. *Martha Blah Blah*  
Mosel, Arlene. *The Funny Little Woman*  
Potter, Beatrix. *The Tale of Peter Rabbit*  
Turner, Ann. *Katie's Trunk*  
Van Allsburg, Chris. *The Sweetest Fig*  
Wiesniewski, David. *Golem*

### Loyalty

Bang, Molly. *Goose*  
Bemelmans, Ludwig. *Madeline's Rescue*  
Conrad, Pam. *The Rooster's Gift*  
dePaola, Tomie. *The Legend of the Indian Paintbrush*  
Garland, Sherry. *The Lotus Seed*  
Lee, Milly. *Nim and the War Effort*  
Nolen, Jerline. *Raising Dragons*  
Stanley, Diane. *Raising Sweetness*  
Wiesniewski, David. *Golem*

### Patience

Bruchac, Joseph. *The Great Ball Game: A Muskogee Story*  
dePaola, Tomie. *The Legend of the Indian Paintbrush*  
Henkes, Kevin. *Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse*  
Stewart, Sarah. *The Gardener*  
Uchida, Yoshiko. *The Bracelet*

### Perseverance

Auch, Mary Jane. *Bantam of the Opera*  
Cole, Babette. *Bad Habits (or The Taming of Lucretia Crum)*  
dePaola, Tomie. *The Legend of the Indian Paintbrush*  
Edwards, Pamela Duncan. *Honk!*

Lee, Milly. *Nim and the War Effort*  
London, Jonathan. *Hip Cat*  
McCully, Emily Arnold. *Mirette on the High Wire*  
McCully, Emily Arnold. *Mouse Practice*  
Martin, Jacqueline Briggs. *Snowflake Bentley*  
Provinsen, Alice and Martin Provinsen. *The Glorious Flight*  
Tunnell, Michael. *Mailing May*

### Prudence

Aardema, Verna. *Borreguita and the Coyote*  
Edwards, Pamela Duncan. *The Worrywarts*  
Ernst, Lisa Campbell. *When Bluebell Sang*  
Hest, Amy. *The Purple Coat*  
Meddaugh, Susan. *Martha Walks the Dog*  
Thurber, James. *Many Moons*  
Zemach, Harve. *Duffy and the Devil*

### Resourcefulness

Aardema, Verna. *Borreguita and the Coyote*  
Cole, Babette. *Bad Habits (or The Taming of Lucretia Crum)*  
Edwards, Pamela Duncan. *Honk!*  
Edwards, Pamela Duncan. *The Worrywarts*  
Fleischman, Paul. *Weslandia*  
Haley, Gail E. *A Story, A Story*  
Hall, Donald. *Ox-Cart Man*  
Hopkinson, Deborah. *Sweet Clara and the Freedom Quilt*  
Lee, Milly. *Nim and the War Effort*  
Levitin, Sonia. *Nine for California*  
McCully, Emily Arnold. *Mouse Practice*  
Taback, Simms. *Joseph Had a Little Overcoat*  
Tunnell, Michael. *Mailing May*  
Zemach, Harve. *Duffy and the Devil*

### Self-Discipline

Bang, Molly. *When Sophie Gets Angry—Really, Really Angry*  
dePaola, Tomie. *The Legend of the Indian Paintbrush*  
Henkes, Kevin. *Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse*  
Lee, Milly. *Nim and the War Effort*  
Potter, Beatrix. *The Tale of Peter Rabbit*  
Soto, Gary. *Too Many Tamales*  
Yolen, Jane. *Owl Moon*

### Tolerance

Bruchac, Joseph. *The Great Ball Game: A Muskogee Story*  
Bunting, Eve. *Summer Wheels*  
Edwards, Pamela Duncan. *Honk!*  
Hest, Amy. *The Purple Coat*  
Lyon, George. *A Traveling Cat*  
Say, Allen. *Allison*  
Uchida, Yoshiko. *The Bracelet*

## Videos Available from Audiovisual Services

Audiovisual Services has recently purchased two video series that focus on character traits. They are available for circulation from schools that contract for Audiovisual Services by contacting us via e-mail at AVInfo@avsrv2.sdcoe.k12.ca.us, by phone (619) 718-4986, or fax (619) 291-5995.

*Popcorn Park Puppets in Six Pillars of Character*—Help your students explore six essential character virtues (Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring, and Citizenship) with the Popcorn Park Puppets. Each video in this series features the puppets entangled in problems that require them to sort out right from wrong. Complete with inspiring songs and humor, these videos provide a fun way to engage students in thinking, talking, and writing about the kinds of people they want to be. (Grades K–5)

*Integrity Matters*—A collection of entertaining, attention-capturing character education videos created for elementary school children, Integrity Matters™ teaches students how to become people of integrity through learning and practicing basic values. (Grades 1-6)

### Websites

Looking for additional resources on character education? Here are a few helpful websites.

[www.charactercounts.org](http://www.charactercounts.org)

Information about the Six Pillars of Character: trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, and citizenship is available on this website.

[www.CharacterEd.Net](http://www.CharacterEd.Net)

This website is a place for students, teachers, schools, and communities to facilitate character education. It provides ready-to-use curriculum, activities, and resources.

[www.bu.edu/education/caec](http://www.bu.edu/education/caec)

This resource is from the Center for the Advancement of Ethics and Character—Boston University. It provides helpful information for teachers including sample lesson plans on a variety of character traits.

[www.goodcharacter.com](http://www.goodcharacter.com)

An excellent source for free resources, materials, lessons plans, and a host of other information to support character education for teachers is found on this website.

[www.giraffe.org](http://www.giraffe.org)

The Giraffe Project moves people to “stick their necks out for the common good.” They are the creators of the K–12 “Giraffe Heroes Program.”



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