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Classroom Alignment Sheet



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Resource	Story themes	Skills in plain words	Self-aware	Self-manage	Social aware	Relation-ships	Decision making
Book 1 Read-Aloud Discussion Guide	Friendship, leadership, you are good enough, trust	Naming feelings, describing characters' choices, taking turns in discussion	●	○	●	●	●
Give from the Heart / Winter Giving Lesson	Friendship, trust & respect, you are good enough	Noticing others, giving kindly, planning a kind act	○	○	●	●	●
Morning Meeting Starter Kit	Friendship, teamwork, trust & respect, you are good enough	Greeting by name, listening, cooperating in games	○	○	●	●	○
Brave Reader Certificates & Brag Tags	You are good enough, friendship, teamwork	Recognizing effort and strengths, encouraging others	●	○	○	●	○

● = main focus ○ = also supported

The five competencies in plain words

CASEL competency	In plain words	Where Sarge & Arwen show it
Self-awareness	Knowing my feelings and my strengths	"Leader strength" and "Still learning" for each pup
Self-management	Pausing, calming down, trying again	Sarge learning to slow down and make a plan
Social awareness	Noticing how others feel	Arwen notices the little things and includes everyone
Relationship skills	Being a good friend and teammate; leading kindly	Sarge & Arwen solve problems together
Responsible decision-making	Making kind, smart choices	"Everything is a choice we choose to make"

Literacy connections (optional)

- **Reading:** the read-aloud guides support skills such as describing characters, their feelings, and how their choices shape events (Common Core RL.K.3 through RL.3.3 cover these skills).
- **Speaking and listening:** turn-and-talk, morning meeting, and sharing cards support skills such as taking part in respectful group conversations (SL.K.1 through SL.3.1).
- Not every state uses Common Core, so these are skills the resources support, not a formal alignment. Questions? Email **help@commandandcuddles.com**.

Today's Choice: Everything is a choice we choose to make.

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