Educational Flyer

Turning the Page on Classroom Anxiety: A Turn-Key Social-Emotional Learning (SEL) & Literacy Initiative by Little Ray Children's Books, Inc.

Empowering Young Minds Through Nature-Based Resilience

The Coins for Curiosity program bridges whimsical storytelling with rigorous behavioral health frameworks. Founded and authored by a retired mental health attorney (writing as V. R. Duin®), this curriculum targets vital behavioral benchmarks—including conflict resolution, anti-bullying, and emotional regulation—for elementary classrooms (Ages 3–8).

"No Two Coins Are Alike—Just Like the Children Who Craft Them."
By shifting the creation of the coin into the hands of the students, every single Curiosity Coin becomes a completely unique, highly personal emotional anchor. Children develop deep pride of ownership over a coping tool they built.

Read, Craft, and Self-Regulate

Unlike text-only initiatives, students engage in a hands-on crafting experience to construct a permanent, physical behavioral anchor to manage stress right at their desks.

1. **Read & Reflect** The teacher reads a Little Ray Nature Book (like Turtle Scare) to the class, focusing on the story's core lessons regarding emotional boundaries and personal space.
2. **Expressive Painting & Fine-Motor Crafting** Students use classroom acrylics to paint both flat faces of a raw 2-inch wooden disk (leaving the outer edges raw to showcase the beautiful, natural wood grain). Using safety scissors, they cut out the custom Little Ray front overlay and Sand Dollar back overlay from the printable template.
3. **Seal & Anchor** Students place their cutouts on the painted sides and apply a smooth layer of Mod Podge®. Once dry, they have a durable, pocket-sized sensory grounding tool with two distinct sides to touch and hold.

Bring This Eligible Initiative to Your School

Our turn-key bundles include core hardcover nature books, printable dual-sided overlays via our digital portal, and a complete instructional Lesson Guide.

- Funding Aligned: Fully eligible for district SEL allocations, title funding, and education grants.
- Get Started: Download materials and lesson templates directly at littleraychildrensbooks.org/schools/ or contact admin@littleraychildrensbooks.org for custom grade-level configurations.