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Dear P596X Families,

## What is the book of the month?

We have selected books that relate to our ReThink social/emotional curriculum. Bi-monthly, teachers and coaches will collaborate to unpack each book and design lessons, adaptations and resources to support the book's topics. Our goal is to build on our students' knowledge and understanding of social emotional concepts through literacy, vocabulary, writing, and discussions!

## How can you get involved?

We would really love for the activities we complete at school, to also be reinforced at home. For starters, tune in to hear Principal John (or another special guest reader) read the March/April Book ***Carl and the Meaning of Life*** during a special pajama read aloud! You can find this video on our school website: [www.p596x.org](http://www.p596x.org). Below, you will find resources and activities for the book. This includes the targeted vocabulary words, and some fun activities you can do at home or in the community with your child!

## Here's the plan...

	<p><b>March/April</b> <b>Book of the Month:</b> <i>Carl and the Meaning of Life</i> by Deborah Freedman</p>	
<p><b>Domain Area: Social Awareness</b> <b>Focus Area: Support Systems</b></p>		
<p><b>CRSE Connection:</b> <b>Practice empathy during all interactions. Think about others' feelings, considering their experiences and imagining what it feels like to be in another person's shoes.</b></p>		

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<b>Academic Vocabulary Words</b>	what, why, who, ask, earthworm, underground, live, bird, bear, beaver, rabbit, squirrel, beetle, mouse, fox, babies, hunt, trees, life, grow, soil, fluffy, moving, earth, connected
<b>Objective</b>	Students will understand how everything in our world is connected.
<b>Suggested Activities:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Read Carl and the Meaning of Life with your child or watch the YouTube Video by clicking on the link below. <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DmJMKz6WE-k">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DmJMKz6WE-k</a></li><li>● Go on a nature walk in the park to identify different animals and their habitats.</li><li>● Plant different types of seeds.</li><li>● Count the animals that you see in the community.</li></ul>
<b>Supplemental Texts:</b> <a href="#"><u><i>The Extraordinary Gardener by Sam Boughton</i></u></a> 	