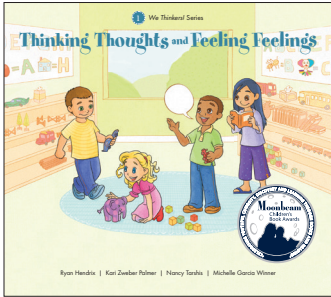


# Family Letter

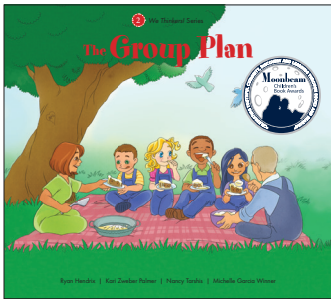
## We Thinkers! Series Social Thinking Curriculum



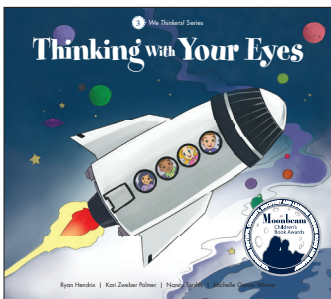
Dear Families,

Welcome to *We Thinkers! Volume 1 Social Explorers*, a Social Thinking® Curriculum for the Preschool and Early Elementary Years! Your child is beginning an exciting adventure in learning more about the social world. This letter is designed to introduce you to the curriculum and provide information about supporting your child's learning at home.

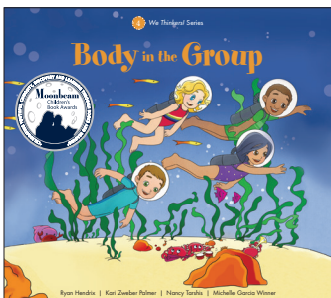
The aim of *We Thinkers!* series is to help young verbal learners develop the skills they need to be flexible social thinkers and social problem solvers. Through the experiences of four characters in the storybooks and the accompanying curriculum units and music CD, children will learn about the social mind and social expectations. They will also learn about their own thinking (and that of others) to help them make better decisions when in the midst of social play and interaction.



The curriculum is based on Social Thinking, a treatment methodology developed by Michelle Garcia Winner that teaches the “why” behind our social behavior. Winner created the Social Thinking Vocabulary and concepts as a way to break down, explain, and put into concrete terms the abstract concepts that make up our social world.

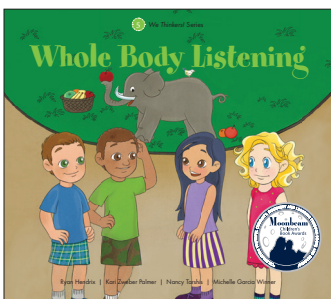


The *We Thinkers!* curriculum is divided into ten units that align with the ten storybooks in this teaching series. Each unit is designed to teach a specific Social Thinking concept via one of the vocabulary terms. You will be receiving family letters that explain the concept as it is introduced in the curriculum and how to support your child's learning at home.



As you embark on this social learning adventure together, please keep in mind the following points:

- Social learning is slow and deep! We do not expect children to master concepts quickly.
- Learn about the concepts your child is being exposed to and start to use the same vocabulary at home. Talk about the concepts when you are at home, at the store, in the car – anywhere and everywhere! The more you can make the vocabulary part of your everyday language, the better.
- Complete the “At Home Activities” included in each family letter.
- Be sure to enjoy the stories and songs that accompany the units. They're designed for the entire family.
- Don't forget to notice and mention when your child is being a good social thinker (positive reinforcement!) and keeping other people feeling good about being around him/her!



Please note that the curriculum is designed for children with listening and language skills strong enough to understand and discuss the concepts presented in the storybooks. While all children will benefit from exploring these concepts, students with special learning needs may need much more time to do so.

We hope you and your family will have fun while learning and practicing these all-important concepts.