Using Literature to Infuse Social Skills Instruction into the General Education Curriculum

Using “Book in a Bag”

What is “Book in a Bag”? Using children’s literature to integrate social skills, literacy, and social studies content into the curriculum. Lesson plans and all materials to address each area are included in the bag.

Resources:
http://www.mccreary.k12.ky.us/character_education/
http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/alsc/awardsgrants/bookmedia/index.cfm

How Do I Get Started?
1. Identify the skills to be taught based on student needs.
2. Select a book to address these skills.
   • Match the context of the one in which the student would practice the skill
   • Find books that illustrate both examples and non-examples of the social skill
3. Schedule the lessons
4. Teach the skill using the lessons
5. Use home notes to reinforce skills outside of class. This increases maintenance and generalization.
   • Identify the skill being taught
   • Highlight the books being read
   • Explain the importance of the skill
   • Explain experiences the students have had while learning the skill
   • Suggest activities for practicing the skill at home

(Marchant & Womack, 2010)