

FIND YOUR FIT: Using Repositories and Refertories to find and vette resources for students

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Article for practitioners

I'm teaching a new course in the fall on helping children develop pro-social skills, so I looked for some resources on this. I found this article through Merlot:

<https://www.naeyc.org/resources/pubs/yc/nov2016/culturally-responsive-strategies>

It clearly addresses cultural diversity which is fabulous! It also clearly emphasizes the role of modelling and the teacher's responsibility. NAEYC writes for the practitioners, and thus it would be a very accessible read for students.

Research article to apply

I found an interesting article about the role parents play in the development of empathy, sympathy and prosocial behaviours in their children. I could assign the reading of parts of this article, along with a discussion about how our role as educators is similar and different.

<https://openresearchlibrary.org/viewer/5e262787-081c-4a1f-85a4-a91101539660/17>

This article is fairly academic, which is why I suggested that I assign some of the article to read. I don't think it is important for the students to spend too long on the data analysis section as that is not part of what we teach in the program. I think the value is in the research review, the discussion and applying the principles suggested for parents to the role of the educator.

Picture to discuss: Here is a picture from Unsplash:



Photo by [Mick Haupt](#) on [Unsplash](#)

I had a hard time getting a picture of an angry child. I searched child, children, anger, angry, emotions, used AND, and there wasn't much that fit. However, I finally found a picture of an angry child, and the reason for the anger is obvious! An excellent picture to discuss helping children deal with their emotions in positive ways!

Lesson on Aggression and Violence

I found a lesson on aggression and violence. There are definitely parts of it that could relate to the course. It includes a video and some discussion questions. Though it is not specific to children, understanding aggression and violence in society is important to understand its effects on parents and children. This could be a resource for myself, and I could possibly include parts of it in the class material.

<https://nobaproject.com/modules/aggression-and-violence>