



Kimika & Kalynn: Sisters

Inclusive Literacy & Social-Emotional Learning Program

Grades 2–5 | Print-Based Instructional Resource

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Program Overview

Many elementary schools seek instructional resources that strengthen literacy skills while also supporting students' social and emotional development. **Kimika & Kalynn: Sisters** is a culturally responsive, standards-aligned literacy and SEL program designed to meet this need.

The series aligns to **New York State Next Generation ELA Standards** and embeds **CASEL-aligned Social-Emotional Learning competencies** throughout each text. Through engaging, relatable narratives rooted in real-world experiences, students develop reading comprehension, vocabulary, speaking and listening skills, and writing skills, while also strengthening empathy, self-awareness, and responsible decision-making.

Each story models positive behaviors, including conflict resolution, communication, collaboration, and reflection. These lessons support classroom instruction, counseling initiatives, and schoolwide SEL goals, making the program suitable for both academic and social-emotional interventions.

By integrating literacy instruction with intentional SEL practices, **Kimika & Kalynn: Sisters** supports whole-child development, fosters meaningful classroom dialogue, and contributes to a positive, inclusive school climate.

Available Program Packages

Small-Group Support Package

Ideal for Guidance Counselors, Social Workers, and Small-Group Interventions

Item	Quantity	Cost
Kimika & Kalynn Chapter Books	25	\$300
Teacher's Guide (all 25 books)	1	\$99
Student Workbook (consumable)	1	\$21
Total Package Cost		\$420

Recommended use:

- Counseling groups
- Tier 2 / Tier 3 MTSS interventions
- Social skills instruction
- Pull-out or push-in SEL lessons

The Small-Group Support Package is designed to provide targeted Social-Emotional Learning (SEL) instruction for students who benefit from more individualized attention than a full classroom setting can provide. Many schools implement Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS), where Tier 2 and Tier 3 interventions require structured resources that counselors, social workers, and support staff can use with small groups of students. This package provides age-appropriate literature and guided activities that help students explore emotions, build empathy, and practice problem-solving in a supportive setting.

By using story-based discussions, reflective questions, and structured activities, this package allows educators to facilitate meaningful conversations about behavior, relationships, and personal responsibility. The small-group format is particularly effective for restorative circles, counseling sessions, and social-skills instruction because it encourages participation, peer connection, and deeper reflection. As a result, schools can address behavioral and emotional challenges proactively while strengthening students' communication and interpersonal skills.

Complete Classroom Package

Designed for a full classroom of approximately 30 students

Included Materials
30 complete sets of the 25-book series (750 total books)
30 student workbooks (<i>consumable</i>)
1 comprehensive Teacher's Guide with lesson plans and activities for all 25 books

Total Cost per Classroom: \$15,399

Recommended use:

- Core ELA instruction
- Integrated SEL instruction
- Classroom libraries
- Literacy blocks and read-alouds

The Complete Classroom Package is designed to integrate literacy instruction with Social-Emotional Learning in a full classroom environment. By providing materials for approximately 30 students, this package allows teachers to implement the Kimika & Kalynn program as part of their daily literacy block, read-aloud sessions, or integrated ELA instruction. Each book and lesson encourages students to analyze characters, discuss moral choices, and reflect on personal experiences, reinforcing key literacy skills such as comprehension, writing, and speaking.

This package supports both academic and emotional development by combining storytelling with structured SEL discussions. When used in classroom libraries or during literacy lessons, the stories create opportunities for students to practice empathy, conflict resolution, and responsible decision-making. The classroom model ensures that every student has access to the materials, making it ideal for building a positive classroom culture while reinforcing New York State ELA standards and CASEL social-emotional competencies.

District Bulk Pricing

Number of Classrooms	Discount	Price per Classroom
1–4	None	\$15,399
5–9	5%	\$14,630
10–19	10%	\$13,860
20–29	15%	\$13,090
30–50	20%	\$12,320

Implementation-Based Package Options

Small Group Package

Designed for Guidance Counselors & Social Workers

Included Materials
1 complete set of the 25-book series (25 total books)
1 comprehensive Teacher's Guide with lesson plans and activities for all 25 books
1 Student workbook (<i>consumable</i>)

Total Cost: \$420

Recommended use:

- Read-alouds
- Restorative circles
- Advisory
- Morning meetings

Price: \$420

The Small Group Package provides educators and counseling staff with a flexible set of books and resources designed for smaller instructional settings. Unlike a full classroom package, this set focuses on creating meaningful discussions in environments such as advisory periods, morning meetings, or counseling groups. In these smaller settings, students often feel more comfortable sharing their thoughts and experiences, allowing educators to address emotional and behavioral challenges more effectively.

The literature-based format makes it easy to introduce complex topics such as empathy, responsibility, and communication in a non-threatening way. Through guided discussion and reflection activities, students learn to identify emotions, understand others' perspectives, and develop stronger social skills. This package supports schools seeking to strengthen school climate initiatives and provide structured SEL instruction outside of traditional classroom lessons.

Social Awareness Set

Designed for Guidance Counselors & Social Workers

Included Materials
10 copies of Book #11: <i>The Kindness Chain</i>
10 copies of Book #9: <i>Different but the Same</i>
10 copies of Book #19: <i>Stranger in the Park</i>
Lesson Guide

Total Cost: \$600

The Social Awareness Set focuses specifically on helping students understand the feelings, perspectives, and experiences of others. Developing social awareness is a critical component of Social-Emotional Learning and plays a major role in reducing bullying, improving peer relationships, and building inclusive school environments. This set uses carefully selected stories and activities to help students recognize emotional cues, respect differences, and demonstrate empathy in real-life situations.

Through guided reading and discussion activities, educators can help students examine how characters respond to challenges and how those responses relate to their own experiences. These conversations encourage students to think critically about fairness, kindness, and respect. By strengthening social awareness, schools can foster more supportive classroom communities where students feel safe, valued, and connected to their peers.

Growth & Resilience Set

Designed for Guidance Counselors & Social Workers

Included Materials
10 copies of Book #12: <i>The Confidence Concert</i>
10 copies of Book #14: <i>The Math Game Mystery</i>
10 copies of Book #15: <i>Growing Up Gracefully</i>
Lesson Guide

Total Cost: \$600

The Growth & Resilience Set is designed to help students develop perseverance, confidence, and a healthy response to challenges. Many students struggle with frustration, fear of failure, or self-doubt, which can impact both academic performance and emotional well-being. This set introduces stories and activities that demonstrate how characters overcome obstacles, learn from mistakes, and build resilience over time.

Through reflection and discussion, students learn that challenges are opportunities for growth rather than reasons to give up. Educators can use these lessons to support growth mindset instruction and encourage students to develop coping strategies when faced with difficult situations. By promoting resilience and emotional strength, this package helps students build the confidence needed to succeed academically and socially.

Cultural Identity & Family Set

Designed for Guidance Counselors & Social Workers

Included Materials
10 copies of Book #16: <i>Journey to Jamaica</i>
10 copies of Book #21: <i>Celebrating Christmas and Kwanzaa</i>
10 copies of Book #17: <i>Sharing Kimoy</i>
Lesson Guide

Total Cost: \$600

The Cultural Identity & Family Set encourages students to explore themes of identity, heritage, and family values. Representation in literature plays an important role in helping students see themselves reflected in stories while also learning about cultures and traditions different from their own. This set introduces discussions about family traditions, cultural pride, and the importance of respecting diversity within communities.

By connecting literature to students' personal experiences, educators can create meaningful conversations about belonging, identity, and cultural understanding. These discussions promote empathy and strengthen classroom relationships while supporting multicultural education goals. The set is particularly valuable for schools seeking to build inclusive learning environments that celebrate the diverse backgrounds of their students.

The Kimika & Kalynn “Starter Experience” Package

A Literacy & SEL Preview Bundle for Schools

Designed for principals, guidance counselors, and instructional leaders who want to explore how the full program works before committing to a larger package.

Three High-Impact Books (Classroom Set of 10 Each = 30 Books Total)

Included Materials
10 copies of <i>The Kindness Chain</i> (Book 11)
10 copies of <i>The Confidence Concert</i> (Book 12)
10 copies of <i>Click Smart, Stay Safe</i> (Book 18)
Lesson Guide

Total Cost: \$600

The Kimika & Kalynn Starter Experience Package is designed as an introductory bundle for schools that want to explore the program before investing in larger classroom or schoolwide packages. By including three high-impact titles that address kindness, confidence, and digital safety, this bundle provides educators with a representative sample of the program’s instructional approach. The selected books demonstrate how literacy instruction can be combined with meaningful social-emotional learning experiences.

This preview package allows principals, counselors, and instructional leaders to evaluate how the stories and accompanying lessons support student engagement, SEL instruction, and classroom discussion. Because the bundle includes ready-to-use lesson activities and discussion guides, educators can quickly implement the materials and observe their impact. The Starter Experience Package serves as a low-risk entry point that helps schools understand the educational value of the full program before expanding implementation.

The package contains the following:

The Kindness Chain (Book 11)

Focus: Kindness, empathy, positive school climate

Why Include It: Perfect for introducing SEL through action-based classroom activities.

Lesson Highlights Included:

- Close Reading Lesson Plan (NYS Next Gen ELA aligned)
- “Kindness Challenge” classroom activity
- Writing Prompt: *How can one small action change someone’s day?*
- Reflection Page aligned to CASEL Self-Awareness & Relationship Skills
- Teacher Discussion Guide (MTSS Tier 1 ready)

The Confidence Concert (Book 12)

Focus: Confidence, growth mindset, overcoming stage fright

Why Include It: Excellent for building student voice and classroom participation.

Lesson Highlights Included:

- Character Trait Analysis (RL.3 & RL.4 aligned)
- SEL Mini-Lesson: “Bravery vs. Fear.”
- Student Journal Activity: *A Time I Felt Nervous but Tried Anyway*
- Small-Group Speaking & Listening Rubric
- Family Discussion Extension Page

Click Smart, Stay Safe (Book 18)

Focus: Digital citizenship & online safety

Why Include It: Timely and relevant for upper elementary students.

Lesson Highlights Included:

- Digital Safety Discussion Guide
- Role-Play Activity: “Pause Before You Click.”

- Writing Activity: Safe vs. Unsafe Online Choices
- Parent Letter Template on Digital Safety
- Counselor-Facilitated Discussion Option

Additional Materials & Replacements

Item	Cost
Replacement Student Workbook Set (30 students)	\$1800
Replacement Student Workbook Set (10 students)	\$600
Replacement set of chapter books (25 books)	\$450
Additional Teacher's Guide	\$99
Stand-Alone Lesson Guide Book	\$50

Replacement Student Workbook Set (30 Students)

Student workbooks are consumable materials used during reading, writing, and SEL reflection activities. Over time, workbooks must be replaced as new students enroll or as classes move through different books in the series. The Replacement Student Workbook Set for 30 students ensures that an entire classroom can continue using the program without interruption.

Replacement Student Workbook Set (10 Students)

The smaller replacement workbook set is designed for schools that need to replenish materials for smaller groups, such as counseling sessions, intervention groups, or partial classroom use. This option gives schools flexibility to maintain their materials without requiring a full classroom set.

Replacement Chapter Book Set (25 Books)

The Replacement Chapter Book Set ensures that schools can maintain complete classroom libraries when books become worn or lost, or enrollment increases. Because the stories are used for read-aloud lessons, group discussions, and independent reading, maintaining sufficient copies is essential for consistent program delivery.

Additional Teacher's Guide

Teacher's Guides provide the instructional framework that connects the stories to literacy and SEL learning objectives. They include lesson plans, discussion questions, and activity ideas aligned with educational standards. Additional copies of the guide allow multiple educators within the same school, such as co-teachers, counselors, or intervention specialists, to implement the program simultaneously.

Stand-Alone Lesson Guide Book

The Stand-Alone Lesson Plan Book provides educators with quick access to structured instructional activities without requiring a full package. This option is ideal for schools that already own the books but want additional instructional guidance for implementing literacy and SEL lessons effectively.

Why Schools Choose This Program

- Supports **NYS Next Generation ELA Standards**
- Aligns with **CASEL SEL competencies**
- Appropriate for **MTSS**, counseling, and classroom instruction
- Culturally responsive and inclusive
- Flexible for classroom, small-group, and intervention use
- Compatible with **Title I, ESSA, SEL, and Literacy funding**



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