A Comprehensive Culturally Responsive Social-Emotional Learning Resource for All Students in Grades K-5

Meaningful Conversations is a comprehensive culturally-responsive Social-Emotional Learning (SEL) resource rooted in the CASEL framework. Included with Raz-Plus and Reading A-Z, this resource presents guided discussion activities in multiple formats to help teachers safely facilitate difficult yet age-appropriate topics through inclusive, respectful classroom dialogues.

Meaningful Conversations enables students to:

- Grow in self-awareness, social awareness, and empathy by celebrating one another’s differences and similarities
- Construct self-confidence through visibility, by seeing themselves and each other equally valued in the world
- Develop inclusive, respectful dialogue skills with classroom discussions facilitated by teachers
- Safely and appropriately discuss and digest difficult topics, as research shows students must build the ability to tackle challenging topics in healthy ways
Meaningful Conversations Supports Teachers With:

- **Culturally responsive, appropriate content** written and vetted through a DEI lens by diverse authors, topic experts, and educators who bring authentic experience to the vetting process

- **Comprehensive support for facilitating critical classroom conversations**, including guides, rubrics, student activities, worksheets, multi-format content, and family support resources in multiple languages

- **Engaging, multi-format content for optimal student engagement and dialogue** that includes written (printable, projectable, online, mobile), audio, and video content formats with accessibility extensions

- **Content aligned to** speaking and listening CCSS ELA Standards, themes from the National Council for the Social Studies (NCSS), and the CASEL Social and Emotional Learning Competencies and Growth Mindset

**Key Features:**

- 10 complete sets of materials, grouped by grade band

- 10 age-appropriate topics covering: friendship, bullying, racism, immigration, differences in abilities, and more

- New student content in engaging formats, like videos (English & Spanish closed captioning), visual devices, books, and passages

- Comprehensive resources for teachers to facilitate classroom conversations including:
  - A program overview, how-to video, SEL guide, and teacher toolkit
  - Complete lesson and discussion guides
  - Discussion cards
  - A caregiver toolkit to send home (available in 7 languages)