

M1.003

We're now organizing HUNTER's CARDSET using the letters M.A.T.R.I.X. Each letter has four rows –M1, M2, M3, M4–and each row contains seven sub-cards, labeled M1.001, M1.002, M1.003, and so on up to M1.007. This card arrangement is inspired by Niklas Luhmann's note-taking method, and we encourage you to create your own cards in each row. Download the 7 cards from the link below, and let's build them together!

Card M1.003: List of Children's Picture Books on Poverty

Title: Storytime with Heart: Picture Books That Address Poverty

Objective: Provide a curated list of children's picture books that help address and explain the concept of poverty in an age-appropriate, empathetic way.

Content:

Introduction:

Text: "Books can be a wonderful way to introduce and discuss complex topics with young children. Here are some picture books that gently address the issue of poverty, helping children understand and empathize with those who experience it."

Visual: Illustration of a child reading a book with images related to poverty.

Book List:

Text: "Here are some thoughtfully selected picture books that explore the theme of poverty. Each book provides a unique perspective and can be used to spark discussions with children about social issues and empathy."

Book 1: "Last Stop on Market Street" by Matt de la Peña

Summary: This beautifully illustrated book follows a young boy and his grandmother on a bus ride through their city, exploring themes of poverty, community, and finding beauty in everyday life.

Quote: "A lyrical story about the beauty of the world around us, despite its imperfections." - Matt de la Peña"

Visual: Cover image of the book.

Book 2: "The Name Jar" by Yangsook Choi

Summary: This story addresses cultural differences and poverty through the experiences of a young Korean girl starting school in America and the struggles of fitting in.

Quote: "A touching tale about identity, acceptance, and the challenges of starting anew." - Yangsook Choi"

Visual: Cover image of the book.

Book 3: "Beatrice's Goat" by Page McBrier

Summary: Based on a true story, this book follows a young girl in Uganda who receives a goat from a charitable organization, illustrating how a small gift can change a life and alleviate poverty.

Quote: "A heartwarming story showing the impact of giving and the power of community support." - Page McBrier"

Visual: Cover image of the book.

Book 4: “One Hen: How One Small Loan Made a Big Difference” by Katie Smith Milway

Summary: This book tells the story of a young boy in Ghana who uses a small loan to start a chicken business, demonstrating the positive effects of microfinance and entrepreneurship in overcoming poverty.

Quote: “‘An inspiring tale about the potential for change through entrepreneurship and community support.’ - Katie Smith Milway”

Visual: Cover image of the book.

Book 5: “The Rug Money” by Andrea Davis Pinkney

Summary: This story is about a family’s struggle with financial difficulties and how they use creativity and resourcefulness to overcome their challenges.

Quote: “‘A story of resilience and the power of family support in the face of adversity.’ - Andrea Davis Pinkney”

Visual: Cover image of the book.

Additional Resources:

Text: “Explore these additional resources for more picture books and educational materials related to poverty and social issues.”

Visual: Bookstore or library images.

Resource 1: "Books That Teach Kids About Poverty" - A blog post with more recommendations on children's books dealing with poverty.

Resource 2: "Reading Together: Books for Discussing Tough Topics" - Tips and lists for selecting books to discuss challenging subjects with children.

Quote:

Text: "Books are a window to the world, offering children the chance to understand and empathize with different experiences, including poverty." - Author Name, 2023"

Visual: Children reading together with various book covers in the background.

Activity:

Title: Share Your Favorite Story

Text: "Choose a book from the list and read it with your child. Afterward, discuss what you learned from the story and how it made you feel. Create a drawing or write a short story inspired by the book!"

Materials Needed: Book from the list, paper, crayons or markers.

Instructions: Encourage children to express their thoughts and feelings through drawing or writing, and share their creations with family members.

Reflection:

Text: “What did you learn from the story? How did it change your understanding of poverty and empathy? Talk about your thoughts with your family and friends, and see how different perspectives can enrich your understanding.”

Visual: Children discussing their reflections with a family member.

