

In *Book Two* we explore more deeply the thoughts, feelings, and actions of everyday life. We introduce specific new rules, manners, healthy habits, and safety habits. We continue to impart a generalized sense of social understanding, character, and virtue through the use of children's literature.

"Manners" comprehends all the habits of the mind. Love is the result of the affections; kindness of the manners. – Quintilian, ancient Roman orator, *Institutio Oratoria*, Book VI

Manners are a sensitive awareness of the feelings of others. If you have that awareness, you have good manners, no matter what fork you use. – Emily Post

BOOK TWO: Readiness Assessment

Chronological or social/emotional skill level: ages 5-8 (corresponds to SC Level C, SC Level 1, MP Kindergarten)

Date of Pre-Test: _____

Date of Post-Test: _____

Yes, Emerging, or No?

	Yes	Em	No
Rules: Follows simple rules of the home or classroom. Follows the rules of a simple game. Follows one-step directions given by parent or teacher.			
Manners: Says please, thank you, I'm sorry, I forgive you, excuse me. Speaks respectfully to adults. Speaks when spoken to.			
Health: Brushes teeth with help. Eats nutritious foods. Does not have more than 30-60 minutes of screen time per day. Plays outside most days. Has at least one friend or playmate. Sleeps 7-10 hours most nights.			
Safety: Knows "safe" vs. "dangerous" (or "not safe"). Follows most household safety rules. Does not play with knives, matches, or other dangerous items.			
Listening: Can sit and listen to a longer picture book with chapters. Can ask simple questions about a story. Can retell basic plot of a story with one or two names of characters.			
TOTAL – Score how many in each (Yes/Emerging/No).			

If 80% (4 of 5) or more Yes/Emerging, proceed.

If 40-60% (2-3 of 5) Yes/Emerging, teach first from *Book One*.

If 0-20% (0-1 of 5) Yes/Emerging, teach from the Readiness Set, consisting of 1) Simply Classical Level B Manners Lesson Plans and 2) *Richard Scarry's Please and Thank You Book*. Both are available through ClassicalSpecialNeeds.com, Level B Enrichment.