YOGA FOR EVERYONE

YOGA ON YOUR BACK AND BELLY

TIPS FOR CAREGIVERS

SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL GOALS

After reading this book, kids will be able to use their yoga practice to:

- 1. Become more aware of their emotions and the physical sensations they produce in the body (self-awareness).
- 2. Use the techniques included in the text to help manage their emotions and de-stress (self-management).

TIPS FOR PRACTICE

Encourage self-awareness and self-management with these prompts:

Before reading: Ask students to check in with themselves. How do they feel, in both mind and body?

Emotional example: What kinds of thoughts are you having?

Physical example: How does your body feel today?

During reading: Encourage students to check in as they move through the book.

Emotional example: How does it feel when you close your eyes and focus on your breathing?

Physical example: How do certain poses feel in your body?

After reading: Take time to reflect after practicing the poses. **Emotional example:** How do you feel after practicing yoga? **Physical example:** Are there certain poses you like or don't like?

GOALS AND TOOLS

GROW WITH GOALS

Set a goal to practice yoga every day! Here are some ideas to get you started.

- 1. See how it feels to start your day with a yoga pose! Before you get out of bed in the morning, practice your Reclined Twist. Try this for a week.
- 2. Before you go to bed at night, practice Child's Pose. Try this for a week. See how it feels to bring yoga into your routine every night.

TRY THIS!

You can use a prop for support as you practice Bridge Pose.

- 1. Lie on your back with your arms long by your sides and palms facedown.
- 2. Bend your knees so your feet are planted firmly on the mat.
- 3. Lift your hips up off of the mat. Reach them toward the ceiling.
- **4.** Place a prop under your hips and rest here for some time.

REFLECT: See how this changes the pose. What feels different from the more active pose you did earlier?

