



Our classroom sessions build sensitivity and understanding, reduce bullying, and help create more inclusive schools and communities. Through hands on activities, group problem solving, and lively discussion, the interactive sessions allow children to:

- Understand that disabilities are an aspect of human diversity and do not define a person •
- Break down stereotypes about differences and similarities
- Explore the power of unkind words, exclusion, and bias
- Identify and roleplay solutions to disability-related mistreatment and bullying
- Practice empathy and inclusion

## **PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS**

**Grade 1 - Setting the Stage: A read-aloud introduction to disabilities awareness, 30 minutes** • Activity: Understanding the word “disability”

- Book read-aloud and discussion – *Susan Laughs*
- Gift of activity sheets, stickers and poster to class; gift of books to school library

**Grade 2 - It’s OK to be Different, 45 minutes**

- Activity: Building and understanding the word “disability”
- Book read-aloud and discussion - *It’s Okay to be Different*
- Activity: The Same and Different
- Activity: Understanding Learning Differences
- Gift of activity sheets, stickers and poster to class; gift of books to school library

**Grade 3 - We’re All OK: Respecting differences and celebrating strengths, 60 minutes**

- Word web: Exploring the word “disability” .
- Staring activity
- Book read-aloud and discussion - *My Friend Has Autism*
- Activity: Lemons – The Same and Different
- Activity: Our Families
- Gift of Bookmarks and poster to class; gift of books to school library

**Grade 4 - How Would YOU Feel? Hidden challenges, inclusion, and sensitivity, 75 minutes**

- Word web: Exploring the word “disability”
- Activity: Hidden Disabilities
- Activity: Learning Differences
- Exclusion activity
- Gift of wrist bands and poster to class; gift of books to school library

**Grade 5 - We All Do Things Differently: The importance of strategies and the power of unkind words, 75minutes**

- Word web: Exploring the word “disability”
- Activity: We All Do Things Differently
- Activity: Strategies Make It Easier to Learn
- Activity: You Can’t Take It Back with *Mr. Peabody’s Apples* book read-aloud
- Gift of large stickers and poster to class; gift of books to school library

*“Educators work tirelessly through anti-bullying programs, Civil Rights Teams, and classroom guidance lessons to teach our students to be respectful, compassionate, committed, law-abiding and helpful citizens. The Cromwell Center is the jewel in the crown of what this state offers. Its presenters are skillfully trained and bring incredible programming in awareness of disabilities to our students.” Guidance Counselor, Hallowell*

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