♾Bradford School♾
♾Neurudoversity & Autism Acceptance Spirit Week♾
♾with Conversation Starters♾
♾Monday, April 6th-Friday, April 10th♾

*__Monday, April 6th: Magnificent Mind__

- Autism is a neurological variation, which means the brains of autistic people work differently than the brains of allistic (non-autistic) people - and that's amazing! Celebrate how amazing it is that all our minds work in different wonderful ways by ***wearing a hat/ fun hat!***
- ***To talk about with your family:***
  Do you have autistic friends, family members or classmates? If so, what are some ways that they sometimes do things differently than you?

*__Tuesday, April 7th: Autism Acceptance Day__

- Love and acceptance go a long way. ***Wear gold*** *(or yellow)* to show your support and acceptance of autistic individuals!
- ***To talk about with your family:***
  What are ways we can support, love and accept autistic people in our families, our classrooms and in our community? If you're not sure, it's ok to ask!

*__Wednesday, April 8th: Neurodiversity Wednesday__

- To celebrate the beauty in the diverse spectrum of the human mind, ***wear rainbow and/or tie-dyed clothes to school***!
- ***To talk about with your family:***
  What disabilities do we have in our family? In what ways do our family members, friends, classmates do things that are different?

*__Thursday, April 9th: What's Your Passion__

- One common characteristic of autistic people is to show incredibly focused passion for topics of interest. What are **you** passionate about? ***Dress to show something you love/are passionate about!***
- ***To talk about with your family:***
  Do you know what some of your autistic friends/family/classmates are passionate about? If you don't know - you can always ask!

*__Friday, April 10th: Sensory Friendly__

- Autistic people often have a variety of sensory sensitivities. ***Dress up today in your most comfy clothes*** (including school-appropriate pjs) and

use as much natural light in your classroom (instead of fluorescents) as possible.

- ***To talk about with your family:***
  When you are feeling your most comfortable, is it easier for you to read or feel calm or have conversations? What are things you like to do that help your senses (the way you hear, touch, see, smell and taste) feel most comfortable?

(Spirit week themes: ***The Neurodivergent Teacher, @the_neurodivergent_teacher****)*