Mesquite United

Embracing Diversity

Lesson #7

“The Sneetches” by Dr Seuss is a great resource to give students an example of being treated differently because of a small difference. There is a copy of this in our library or you can use this link for a read aloud. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jtW0jQYUues>

Lower grades, if you use this, have a conversation about how they were treated differently because of their differences. Upper grades, you could also discuss the word “discrimination” here instead of simply stating they were treated differently.

Some topics to discuss and questions you might ask:

Why do the Star Belly Sneetches believe they are better than the Plain Belly Sneetches?

How do you think it made the Plain Belly Sneetches feel?

How did the Star Belly Sneetches show discrimination to the Plain Belly Sneetches?

How do you think it made the Star Belly Sneetches feel?

What’s the difference in bragging and having self-confidence?

Have students make a connection and discuss. Has there ever been a time you were treated differently than someone else because of something you had or didn’t have?