

Dear Families/Caregivers,

Our world is a diverse place and this diversity requires that students learn how to interact and engage with people different from themselves. Cultural competence refers to our ability to act respectfully in order to communicate, understand, respect and promote equality for all people.

We are all alike in some ways AND we are all different in some ways. Perhaps your child likes soccer and his or her friend likes to draw. Maybe your child is female and his or her good friend is male or vice versa. If we were all the same, the world would be pretty boring!

- Read the story *Wemberly Worried* by Kevin Henkes. In the story, Wemberly learns how to engage with others. Talk with your child about how Wemberly learns to interact with others.
- Family members can be alike and different. With your child, make a list of each family member's traits, likes, and dislikes. Talk about how your child is alike and different from family members.
- Spend time talking with your child about the families in your neighborhood. Talk about how your family is similar and different from the families in your neighborhood.

It's fun to find ways that we are alike AND it's fun to find ways we are different. Differences make life more fun and interesting!

Sincerely,

Your Child's Teacher