

Dear Families/Caregivers,

Our diverse world 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.

Here are some strategies for respecting diversity:

- **Know Yourself:** Knowing yourself helps you respect others the same way you want to be respected.
- **Ask Questions:** Uncomfortable feelings come from not knowing or understanding. Ask questions and listen respectfully to the answers.
- **Watch Your Words:** Words can hurt! Be kind.
- **Stand Up for Kindness:** Treat others with kindness and expect to be treated with kindness

To help your child better understand cultural competence, talk to him or her about your family's culture, beliefs, and values.

When we celebrate our differences, we find more things that we have in common. Together, we can make our world a better, happier, and safer place for all of us.

Sincerely,

Your Child's Teacher