

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.

We have been learning about the importance of showing respect for individuals with disabilities. Here are some ways to show respect to someone with a disability:

- **Get to Know the Person**
- **Focus on the Person's Abilities**
- **Include the Person in Activities**
- **Don't Make Fun or Feel Sorry for the Person**
- **Ask Before You Help**

To help your child respect and understand those with disabilities, model these strategies and make sure your child has the opportunity to form relationships with peers and adults who have disabilities.

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