DISABILITY AWARENESS MONTH TOOLKIT

YOUR WORDS HAVE POWER



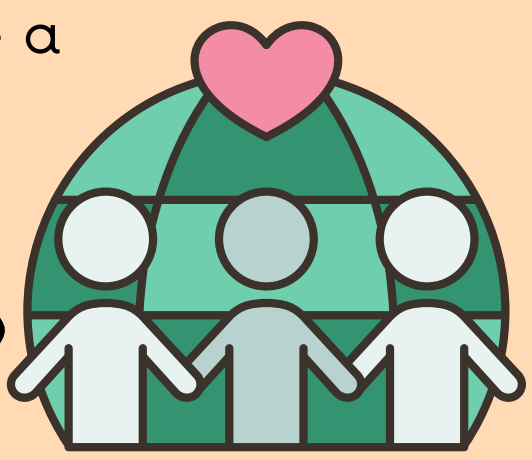
For people with disabilities, incorrect perceptions and negative attitudes are the greatest barriers to overcome. Hurtful words that are used online, in the media and in daily conversations have a lot to do with feeding those attitudes. Your words can hurt or help, which will you choose?

Which words to lose and which to live by? Click on the picture to learn more.

INCLUSION IS IMPORTANT

When talking to people with disabilities many stated that emphasizing the concepts of similarity, acceptance and uniqueness would lead to more opportunities for students with disabilities to be included. Discuss what inclusion means for all students. Use a game or group activity to convey empathy towards people with disabilities.

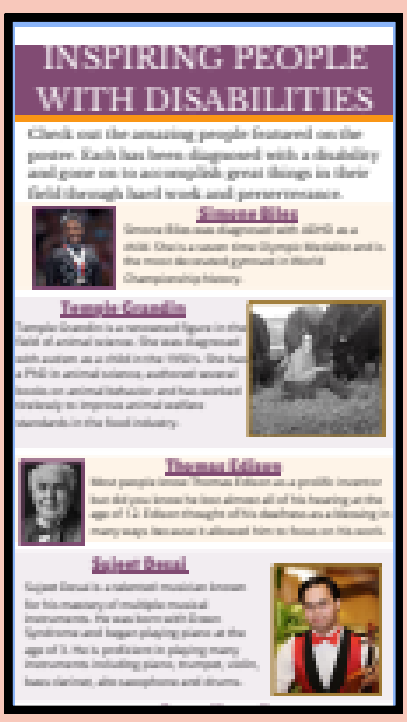
Click here for classroom empathy activities.



EVERYONE IS UNIQUE AND HAS TALENTS

Viewing disabilities as qualities that make someone unique instead of different is an important first step in acceptance. Ask students to give examples of how they are unique. Discuss the value of being different and how it can be a strength instead of a weakness.

Use the poster linked here to view examples of inspiring people who also have been diagnosed with a disability.



Elementary Books





Middle School Books

High School Books



Additional Resources

