

Resource List for Diversity
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Accept and Value Each Person. Cheri J. Meiners (2006)

Ages 4-8. The world is becoming more diverse, and so are the daily lives of our children. Accepting and valuing people and groups who are different from oneself and one's immediate family is a critical social skill. This book introduces diversity and related concepts: respecting differences, being inclusive, and appreciating people just the way they are.

Activities for A Diverse Classroom: Connecting Students. (2003)

Offers teachers a variety of classroom activities designed to build acceptance, belonging and friendship among all students.

All Children Are Special: Creating An Inclusive Classroom. Greg Lang and Chris Berberich (1995)

Offers practical information and strategies for creating classrooms that welcome, value and nurture all learners.

All Children Successful — Real Answers for Helping At-Risk Elementary Students. Vito Germinario, et al (1992)

All Kinds of Friends, Even Green! Ellen Senisi (2002)

Kindergarten-Grade 4. When his teacher gives an assignment to write about a friend, seven-year-old Moses considers classmates, neighbors, parents, and teachers before finally deciding on Zak, his teenage neighbor's iguana, because she is different yet determined, like him. (14 pages)

Anti-Bias Curriculum: Tools for Empowering Young Children. Louise Derman-Sparks (1989)

The 12 chapters of this book provide a rationale for an anti-bias curriculum, and discuss:(1) creating an anti-bias environment (2) working with 2-year-old children (3) learning about racial differences and similarities (4) learning about disabilities (5) learning about gender identity (6) learning about cultural differences and similarities (7) learning to resist stereotyping and discriminatory behavior (8) using activism with young children (9) using holiday activities in an anti-bias curriculum(10) working with parents.

Beyond Affliction: A Disability History Project. Public Broadcasting Audience Service. 4 part audiotape series.

A four-hour documentary radio series about the shared experience of people with disabilities and their families since the beginning of the 19th century.

Beyond the Golden Rule: A Parent's Guide to Preventing and Responding to Prejudice. Dana Williams.

The age-specific sections here offer practical advice about the challenges and rewards of parenting in today's diverse world.

The Boy Who Grew Flowers. Jen Wojtowicz (2005)

Grades 1-3. Rink's grandmother was raised by wolves, his Uncle Dud tames rattlesnakes, and Rink grows beautiful flowers all over his body when the moon is full. Townspeople just don't understand the Bowagons. But one day a new girl named Angelica arrives at Rink's school, and he soon discovers she has some unique qualities too. (32 pages)

Brains that Work a Little Bit Differently: Recent Discoveries About Common Brain Diversities. Allen D Bragdon & David Gamon (2000)

Summarizes the most recent research into the causes and consequences of 10 of these interesting diversities and recommends appropriate interventions to aid the learning process. Covers: ADHD, Dyslexia, Left-Handedness, Seasonal Affective Disorder, Autism, Alcoholism, Photographic Memory, Perfect Pitch, Synesthesia and Deja Vu.

A Celebration of Differences (video). (1999) (22 minutes)

In this video, children and adults describe the strategies and experiences that aid them to succeed in a world that is often frustrating and confusing. They discuss their academic struggles, the empowerment that comes from understanding their issues and the determination that enables them to address life's continuing challenges.

Cooperative Learning and Strategies for Inclusion: Celebrating Diversity in the Classroom. JoAnne W. Putnam

Source book provides strategies for tailoring curricula and instructional approaches to improve the academic achievement, social skills, and self-esteem of a diverse population of students regardless of their individual abilities, backgrounds and learning styles. Guidelines are supplied for restructuring the classroom to establish a cooperative environment that optimizes learning and encourages positive, interdependent relationships.

Council for Exceptional Children Mini-Library of Exceptional Children at Risk (1991)

- **Programming for Aggressive and Violent Students**
- **Abuse and Neglect of Exceptional Children**
- **Special Health Care in the School**
- **Homeless and in Need of Special Education**
- **Hidden Youth: Dropouts from Special Education**
- **Language Minority Student and Disabilities**
- **Alcohol and Other Drugs: Use, Abuse and Disabilities**
- **Double Jeopardy: Pregnant and Parenting Youth in Special Education**

Dealing with Differences – Taking Action on Class, Race, Gender, and Disability. Angela Ellis and Marilyn Llewellyn. (1997)

A classroom tested action guide to dealing with issues and prejudice around class, race, gender and disability. The exercises, discussion topics and reading provide a framework to bring these complex issues out in the open as positive forces for change.

Different Is Not Bad, Different Is the World: A Book About Disabilities. Sally L. Smith. (1994)

Grades 2-6. Children's book about learning and physical disabilities teaches empathy with those who are different from them and to recognize the value of all people. .

Different Just Like Me. Lori Mitchell (1999)

Grades 1 to 6. Over the course of the week, April observes the many differences between herself and the people she encounters. (15 pages)

Diversity Equals Inclusion (video) (13 minutes) (1994)

Tape spotlights companies, school and community groups that recognize the value of diversity and successfully include people with disabilities as students, employees, customers and participants

Everybody Has A Song. (video) (2001)

Narrated by Henry Winkler, a touching straightforward presentation where he talks directly to children about their learning challenges and how to overcome them.

Everybody's Different: Understanding and Changing Our Reactions to Disabilities Nancy Miller and Catherine Sammons (1999).

Features awareness activities that show us how we see differences and help us enrich our interactions with people who have learning differences.

A Field Guide to Boys and Girls: Differences, Similarities: Cutting-Edge Information Every Parent Needs to Know. Susan Gilbert (2000)

Taps into parents' natural fascination with gender issues and urges readers to move beyond the fear that discovering sex differences will lead to sex biases.

A Framework for Understanding Poverty. Ruby K. Payne, PhD (2001)

Teaches the hidden rules of economic class and spreads the message that, despite the obstacles poverty can create in all types of interaction, there are specific strategies for overcoming them.

I'm Like You, You're Like Me: A Child's Book About Understanding and Celebrating Each Other. Cindy Gainer.

Ages 3-8. Simple words and illustrations help children discover and celebrate individual differences on their level: hair, families, body shapes, etc. (41 pages)

Keith Edward's Different Day: Different Is Just Different! (1992)

Pre-K. Helps young children to consider differences in a positive light.

Kinda Blue. Ann Girfalconi (1993)

Pre K to grade 3. Sissy feels lonely and blue until her Uncle Dan cheers her up by explaining that everything, even corn, needs special attention every now and then (29 pages)

More Alike Than Different . (video) (8 minutes)

Ages 5-12. Features kids with chronic conditions at leisure and sport. By focusing on kids with epilepsy, asthma, diabetes, hearing loss and neurofibromatosis while they practice karate, camp out, play soccer and music, go scouting and drive go-carts, this children's awareness tool delivers the self-esteem message.

Not Better...Not Worse...Just Different. Sharon Scott (1992)

Ages 5 to 10. Nicholas and his friends creatively attack the obvious, and not so obvious, problems associated with the word prejudice. It comes in all sorts and differing circumstances. Children once exposed to Nicholas' concern for people will, in later years, bring greater hope and encouragement throughout the world (118 pages)

Providing Cross-Cultural Support Services to Individuals with Disabilities and Their Families.

This training module focuses on cross cultural support services to individuals with disabilities and their families, and is part of a training series for paraprofessionals working with students who have disabilities

Purple Hair, I Don't Care. Dianne Young (1995)

Preschool. Even when the doctor tells her that it might have purple hair, yellow eyes, green skin, and blue wings, Della Ragon is sure she will love her baby.

A Rainbow of Friends. P.K. Hallinan. (2002).

Pre-K. With brilliantly colored marker illustrations demonstrates the timeless lesson of acceptance of others.

Respecting Our Differences: A Guide to Getting Along in a Changing World (1994)

Encourages young people to become more tolerant of others and savor the rich diversity of Americas changing culture.

Restructuring for Caring and Effective Education: An Administrative Guide to Creating Heterogeneous Schools.

Richard A. Villa et al (1992)

Designed to help professionals merge regular and special education while responding to the unique needs of every learner, this handbook teaches how to prepare staff, structure opportunities for collaboration, involve parents, promote feelings of belonging, with unions, universities and state agencies, and obtain practical supports.

Same Difference! (video) (1994) (25 minutes)

Features students with "visible" disabilities talking to their peers about their lives, their futures and the respectful treatment they expect from their community. Aimed at teen-age audience.

Savage Inequalities: Children in America's Schools. Jonathan Kozol (1991)

National Book Award-winning author Jonathan Kozol presents his shocking account of the American educational system.

Sensitivity and Awareness: A Guide for Developing Understanding Among Children (1994).

Designed specifically as a resource for people who are concerned about helping children develop an understanding and ease with people who are different.

Small Differences (video) (1995)

Grades 4-12. Enlightens people of all ages about disabilities. Kids in the video, some with disabilities themselves, ask people with disabilities questions adults are too embarrassed to ask.

Take a Walk In My Shoes — A Guidebook for Youth on Diversity Awareness Activities. (1994)

Guidebook on diversity awareness activities to facilitate cultural diversity workshops.

Understanding Families: Approaches to Diversity, Disability and Risk. Marci Hanson and Eleanor Lynch. (2003)
Combining research on families and family-centered services, text provides practical suggestions for caregivers, especially those whose children are at risk or have disabilities.

Unforgettable Pen Pal: A Story About Prejudice and Discrimination (video) (1987)

When A.J. and his pen pal Joey discover their mutual interest in basketball, they become best of friends. But the chance to finally meet one another at a professional game leads them to encounter prejudice where they least expect it. This video will help kids realize the negative effects of prejudice and the importance of forming their opinions about others intelligently.

We're All A Like, We're All Different Disability Awareness Tool Kit for Elementary Students (2005)

Provides students with an opportunity to gain a greater understanding and appreciation for people of all abilities.

We're All Different. Kirsten Hall (1999)

Ages 4 to 8. Although children are different in appearance, they all have ten toes, favorite clothes and love to play (31 pages)

We're Different, We're the Same. Bobbi Kates (1992)

Pre-K to grade 1. Characters from Sesame Street teach young children about racial harmony. (32 pages)

We're People First...a Celebration of Diversity (book and CD) Jeff Moyer.

A collection of songs that celebrate diversity with joyful enthusiasm and also provokes thought about issues of human unity with ballads that touch the heart. Volume I designed to be used with elementary school age children. Volume II is teenager level.

What's the Difference. (video) (1998)

Disability awareness tool for grades K-5, this video offers positive images of children with various disabilities who are active and athletic.

Why Does That Man Have Such a Big Nose? Mary Beth Quinsey. (1986).

PreK – Age 6. Famous book about differences among people and the questions children ask about them.