

September/October
2015

Respect



“Don’t Let Our Differences Separate Us, Let
Them Bring Us Together! ”

WEEK OF RESPECT- OCTOBER 5-9, 2015

Key Message

Encourage students to be Upstanders and to practice respect and consideration for people with backgrounds and beliefs different from their own.

- Students will recognize that their differences are what make them special.
- Students will acknowledge that differences should bring them together and not apart.

Week of Respect Events

October 5-9, 2015

- 10/1- Kick Off Assembly “The New Kid” performed by the George Street Playhouse
- 10/5- “Show **Respect**” on Blue Shirt Day® World Day of Bullying Prevention© An initiative of STOMP Out Bullying™- wear a blue shirt
- 10/6- “Be **Optimistic** and Look on the Bright Side”-wear bright colors
- 10/7- “Show Good **Citizenship** and Team Up Against Bullying”-wear sports clothing
- 10/8- “Be **Kind** and Follow the Golden Rule”-wear yellow or gold clothing.
- 10/9- “Show Your Positive **Self-Esteem** and be Proud of Yourself and Your School”-wear school colors or your favorite shirt.

Ways to Develop Character at Home

- Learn together about holiday and religious celebrations that are not part of your own tradition.
- Honor your family's traditions and teach them to your children— and to someone outside the family who wants to learn about the diversity you have to offer.
- Select books, toys, music, art, and videos carefully. Keep in mind the powerful effect the media and pop culture have on shaping attitudes.
- Point out and talk about unfair stereotypes that may be portrayed in media.

Suggested Reading:

Spoon by Amy Krouse Rosenthal
King of the Playground by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor
Oliver Button Is a Sissy by Tomie dePaula
It's OK to be Different by Todd Parr
Peanut Butter and Jellyfish by Jarrett Krosoczka
The Family Book by Todd Parr
The Juice Box Bully by Bob Sornson and Maria Dismondy