

Counselor's Corner



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Tolerance: Consideration for Individual Differences

School Success Tips:



"What the world needs now, is love, sweet love..." Do you remember the lines from that song by Dionne Warwick? Perhaps they are true more now than ever. But how do we accomplish such a lofty task? It starts with tolerance and acceptance. The ability to accept and appreciate individual differences is no small task.

Here are some things you can do to help raise a child who is not only

tolerant of others but who also embraces diversity.

- Help your child understand what empathy means. In short it's the ability to put yourself in someone else's shoes and see the world through their eyes.
- Expose your child to other cultures. Explore other people and cultures as a family.
- Show tolerance yourself! Each day we are presented with opportunities ~ from listening to someone else's ideas and notions that conflict with our value system to simple disagreements with friends and family. By making a concerted effort to find a peaceful resolution you are modeling tolerance.
- Discuss problems openly and point out that most problems have more than one answer. Focus on coming up with multiple solutions to the same question. This helps children understand and appreciate differences.



Take some time to reflect on your goals that you have been working to achieve. Are you making progress? Have you met or exceeded any of your goals yet?

Remind students to challenge themselves to stay on track for a timely completion! Students can also take advantage of skill builders!

Tolerance means...
appreciating and respecting
differences in people.



Helpful Links

[6 Ways to Teach Your Kids Tolerance](#)

[Teaching Tolerance](#)

[Activities for Teaching Tolerance](#)



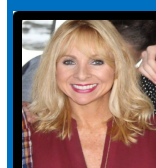
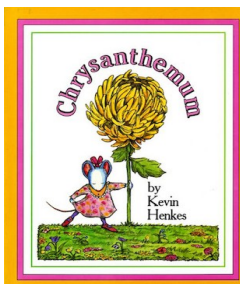
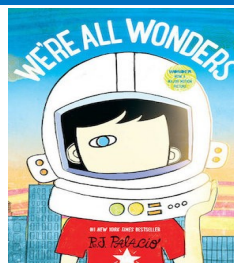
Steps to Implement Now

In it's simplest form, tolerance means we accept people for who they are and where they come from. We realize that we are not all the same and that is okay. Tolerance DOES NOT mean we accept or approve of bad behavior. Sometimes the lines get blurry, but at the end of the day, we want to treat others the way we would want to be treated. We are surrounded by people of different cultures, ethnicities, religions, abilities, aptitude and the list goes on and on. The ability to be tolerant is critical to a peaceful existence. Not only that, but it is crucial to our children's future success. They must be

Suggested Literature

able to work with others.
Some Steps to Take Now:

- Watch how you treat and speak to others—you are your child's greatest influence
- Value the difference within your own family
- Expect your children to treat others with respect
- Choose movies, stories, and programs that value differences
- Foster self-esteem in your family



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