

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