



1. Enrich your learning environment with items that benefit all students, such as pictures and large print letters.
2. Ask students to complete a Learning Style Assessment. Host a classroom discussion about various ways that people learn and why it is important to know how each individual learns best.
3. Provide clear print directions and objectives for all students to see.
4. Invite students who are not generally included into your classroom for one of your daily lessons.
5. Develop a greeting routine so that ALL children have the opportunity to communicate with each other at the beginning of the day.
6. Assign all classroom jobs in pairs so students who are not able to complete a task independently don't feel they always need a "helper."
7. Provide students with journals so they can regularly record their contributions to the inclusive school environment.
8. Model ways in which students can approach and interact with others who may be different from them in some way.
9. Invite a guest speaker with a disability to speak about his or her experiences. Be sure to include question and answer time for students.
10. Engage students in planting a celebration garden including plants with various characteristics. Ask students to describe how each is unique.
11. Ask students to write and perform a play about accepting differences in others.
12. Ask students to identify topics of interest and activities that occupy their time out of school. Incorporate these interests into classroom lessons.
13. Design a classroom or school mural to depict the students' perception of what an inclusive school and community look like.
14. Assign students a partner to interview. Have them create and present a biographical sketch about their partner including interests and hobbies.
15. Encourage students to write a local elected official concerning barriers in their inclusive community.
16. If there is a child who cannot access displayed information due to a disability, make small copies of these items to be used at the child's desk.
17. Each morning introduce students to a new word in American Sign Language. Encourage them to use the word at least five times during the school day.
18. Develop a list of ways your classroom can be more inclusive. Set goals throughout the year toward realizing your ideal classroom.
19. Have a broad range of materials and manipulatives available.
20. Make a daily PA announcement on a particular topic or theme that relates to inclusion, acceptance or equity.
21. Organize the classroom to accommodate diverse learners. Consider lighting, room arrangement, proximity of workspace to distractions, and limitations.
22. Label items in the classroom with pictures, object cues, Spanish words, Braille, or any symbol system that supports students in the classroom.
23. Write a school song that highlights the inclusive nature of the school.
24. Set aside time for teachers to observe classrooms that successfully incorporate inclusive practices.
25. Provide opportunities for co-teaching teams to mentor other prospective co-teaching teams through classroom visits, observations, sharing of resources, and informal planning meetings.
26. Host a viewing of an inclusion themed documentary such as "Including Samuel" or "A World for Inclusion."
27. Declare the first week in December as Inclusive Schools Week with an official school board or local government proclamation. See the Media Kit on www.inclusiveschools.org for examples.
28. Create and implement a family-school partnership model in the district.
29. Create or review the district's mission and values statement to ensure ALL children are represented.
30. State the district's commitment to inclusive education on the school website and in all correspondence with the community.