

NASHOBA BROOKS SCHOOL

Grade Two and Grade Three Diversity Curriculum Overview 2009-2010

In the 2/3 Team, the common themes of allies and bullies, stereotypes, racism, and global perspectives are carried throughout the curriculum. Students draw connections between themselves and the world beyond as they continue to learn to listen to the many voices of others, especially those of marginalized groups.

A sampling of our curriculum includes:

Allies and Bullies

- 2nd Grade Social Studies: The themes of racism and bullying integrate into the Social Studies curriculum of Japan and India. Students learn about Japanese internment camps and the colonization of India. Vocabulary includes: *active allies, active bullies, passive allies, passive bullies, prejudice, problem solving, race, resolution, segregation, victim.*
- 3rd Grade Social Studies: Students continue to build upon the 2nd grade concepts of bullies and allies. Vocabulary includes: *ally, bully, classism, gender bias, heterosexism, prejudice, racism, racist, stereotypes.*

Stereotypes

- 2nd Grade Physical Education: Students learn about ableism by challenging assumptions about people who are differently-abled. Vocabulary includes; *abled, disabled, disabilities, Paralympics.*
- 2nd Grade Art and Science: Students examine questions such as: Where does skin color come from? What makes someone an “American?” Vocabulary includes: *“American,” ancestors, melanin, people of color.*
- 3rd Grade Social Studies: Students learn about the Wampanoag Native Americans, wampum belts, and the importance of oral tradition, as they research and share their own family stories. Vocabulary includes: *ally, biography, bully, classism, heritage, oral tradition, prejudice, racism, racist, stereotypes.*
- 2nd and 3rd Grade Social Studies: Students learn about the variety of family structures through literature and class discussions. They also examine the stereotypes of a “normal” family. *Vocabulary includes: adoption, blended families, divorce, gay, lesbian, single parents.*

Racism

- 3rd Grade Reading Groups: Student read books that address the topic of racism such as The Jacket, Locomotion, and Maniac Magee. Students read and have discussions about the theme presented in each of the stories. Vocabulary includes: *ally, prejudice vs. racism, racist.*