

Diversity at CapSDE

Last year we included a 'GO 2' in the newsletter talking about inclusion, acceptance and tolerance. Diversity and inclusion mean accepting and welcoming people from different walks of life. Something we pride ourselves on here at CapSDE.

Tolerance, on the other hand, does not denote acceptance, but rather an attitude of being faced with something you must go along with but in your heart don't accept.

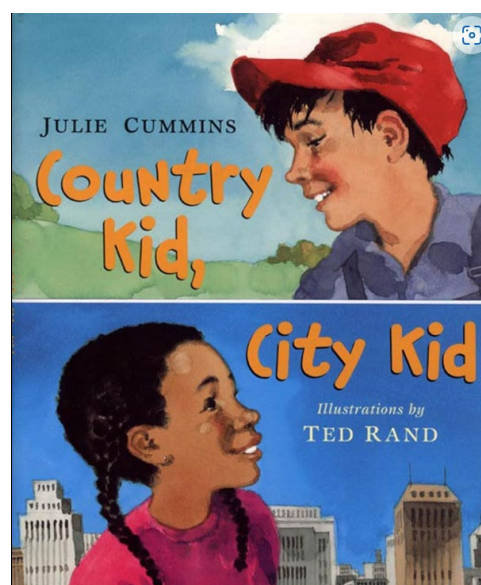
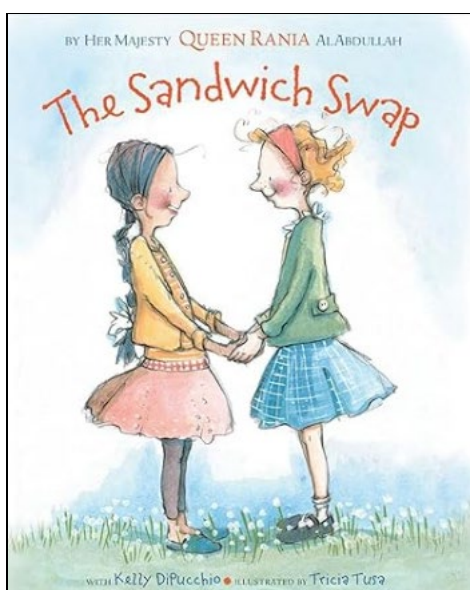
Here at CapSDE, we aim to celebrate the diversity and universality of childhood and the adventures of growing up in an ever changing and evolving world. As educators, parents and home tutors by working together we can share with our students the ability to see things like the commonality of families, school, play, creativity, animals, and friends even though the diversity of families that we have at our school are wide and vast

Here at CapSDE, our students and families are with us for many reasons, Geographic isolation, medical reasons, home based learning, school-based learning, LOTE, travelling and more.

We are all so different, but in the end, we are all a part of the one community, the CapSDE community. We all bring our strengths, and we all need help with our limitations. Our school motto's, "Isolated but united" and "Be different, make a difference", ensure we are "inclusive" and learn to move on from tolerance and "accept" our differences. Educating through these motto's promotes that our school is a beautiful safe learning environment for all of students, where EVERYONE can reach their highest potential, whatever that may be.

Below is a small list of books that offer some great examples of diversity. The book called 'The Sandwich Swap' is just one example of teaching children about diversity, it is such a sweet story about appreciating differences and accepting one another for who they are.

My favourite one is called Country kid, City kid. Throughout the book I thought it was very cool how the two kids become friends at summer camp at the end even though their day to day lives were so vastly different. This a beautiful reminder how no matter what the reason for enrolling at CapSDE, or the family's circumstances, all our students can show acceptance for each other, learn through the diversity that our school offers and maybe even become friends with someone who is extremely diverse from themselves.



Affiliated resources:

Country kid, city kid by Julie Cummins

Rose's Garden by Peter Reynolds

The Sandwich Swap by Queen Rania Al Abdullah

Let's Talk About Race by Julius Lester

Faith by Maya Ajmera et al

To Be A Kid by Maya Ajmera and John Ivanko

Come And Play (poetry) edited by Ayana Lowe

In Our Mothers' House by Patricia Polacco

Molly's Family by Nancy Garden