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**Commitment to Character Education at Nina Harris ESE Center**

Dear Parent/Guardians,

Your child is involved in learning-activities designed to develop good character and empower young people to make good choices for themselves. He or she has been working on “**Tolerance”** the entire month of January. Your reinforcement with these activities at home will support our overall program.

This month we learned about **Tolerance**.

At Nina Harris, we define Tolerance as:

**“Respecting the individual differences, views and beliefs of others.”**

**Here are some things you can do to support learning about tolerance.**

Read books about tolerance. Specifically point out in the book what being tolerant of others looks like.

Explain to your child that people can be the same but different. Play a game where you find someone who has the same characteristic as your child (color shirt, eye color, hair color etc.). Point out how this person is the same as your child but is also different.

Help your student draw a picture with just one crayon. The have them draw a picture with as many crayons as they want. Ask them which they like better. If they pick the multicolored picture you can talk about how the world is made up of all different people and how this makes it such a better place.

Talk with them about their friends and ask them questions to see if they can explain how their friends are different than they are but they are still the same as them.

**Remember at Nina Harris: Every student matters and every moment counts.**

**Here is a list of book suggestions to read about tolerance:**

* *Whoever You Are* by Mem Fox
* *We Are All Alike...We Are All Different* by Cheltenham Elementary School Kindergartners (Bilingual book)
* *Come and Abide (We Are All the Same Inside)* by Timothy D. Bellavia
* *How Are We Alike?* by Linda Rieger
* *Someone Special, Just Like You* by Tricia Brown
* *Someone Like You* by Sarah Dessen
* *The Crayon Box That Talked by Shane Delrolf and Michael Letzig*
* *The Sneetches by Dr. Seuss*
* Accept and Value Each Person Cheri Meiners
* *Different Like Me: My Book of Autism Heroes* by Jennifer Elder and Marc Thomas
* All Kinds of Children Norma Simon
* Chicken Sunday Patricia Polacco