



From the Desk of Principal Karin Kelly

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Dear Families of PS 174:

February is full of activity at PS 174! We are scheduling three dates with assembly programs for our students during *Respect for All Week!*

This begins with a wonderful interactive show on Thursday, February 5th, sponsored by our Parents Association, called *World of Games*. We continue with two student led assembly programs. On Wednesday, February 11, students in Kindergarten and Grade 1 are dressing in the colors, costumes and traditions of their heritage. This United Nations themed fashion show runway will dazzle the audience with a visually appealing representation of the diversity of our school. The song, “*It’s a Small World*” plays in cycle with over 200 colorfully dressed children rocking the runway across the stage. Grades 2 through 5 are participating in their own assembly program with song, dance, and dialogue with a positive message. To keep the momentum of “*Respect for All Week*” our students are regularly reminded to respect their teachers, parents, peers and environment. They are encouraged to appreciate diversity and to see the beauty in our differences.

At PS174, we are dedicated to helping our students achieve academic gains. To help attain that goal, we endeavor to make our school a warm and nurturing environment that fosters confidence, positive self-esteem, and social growth. Teachers select and read books addressing both issues and solutions to common social issues. Some of the titles include:

Respect for All – Suggested Literature

Grade	Topic	Book Title	Author
PreK/K	Diversity	<i>Swimmy</i>	Leo Lionni
PreK/K	Sharing	<i>It’s Mine</i>	Helen Lester
1	Teasing	<i>Hooway for Wodney Wat</i>	Helen Lester
1	Teasing	<i>Chrysanthemum</i>	Kevin Henkes
1	Bullying	<i>King of the Playground</i>	Phyllis Reynolds Naylor
2	Bullying	<i>Pink and Rex and the Bully</i>	James Howe
2	Bullying	<i>Googles</i>	Ezra Jack Keats
3	Fitting In	<i>William’s Doll</i>	Charlotte Zolotow
	Teasing	<i>Oliver Button is a Sissy</i>	Tomie dePaola
4	Diversity	<i>Cheyenne Again</i>	Eve Bunting
4	Bullying/	<i>Shiloh</i>	Phyllis Reynolds Rainor
4	Diversity	<i>Basket Moon</i>	Barbara Cooney
5	Teasing/Different	<i>Crow Boy</i>	Taro Yaki
5	Many	<i>Thanks & Giving</i>	Various
5	Bullying	<i>Ellie’s (My) Secret Diary</i>	Henriette Barkow
5	Tolerance	<i>Loser</i>	Jerry Spinelli

Throughout the year, we provide praise, positive reinforcement and encouragement to motivate our students to do their best. We also provide opportunities for our students to collaborate on projects as well as engage in cooperative play with their peers. In the process, we place emphasis on providing respect to everyone including oneself. The year 2015 is looking to be another an outstanding year at PS 174!