

SAMPLE LETTER:

Dear parents and guardians,

Our class will soon be starting a unit on disabilities. My goal is to introduce students to the concept of disabilities, help them understand how disabilities affect people, and then, look at how we as a community can support and respect people with disabilities.

We will first focus on hearing impairment, by viewing a segment from public television's Religion and Ethics series. We will then broaden our scope to look at other disabilities, including learning disabilities.

This unit may raise questions and concerns that you will hear about at home. We encourage you to ask your child about our work on this topic and encourage him or her to talk with you about it. If anything comes up that is troubling, please let me know.

Guest speakers will be invited to speak to students on topics related to this unit. If you have experience or expertise you would like to share, or if you would like to be involved in this project in other ways, please let me know. I welcome your input and support.

Finally, if you or someone close to you is experiencing problems related to disability, please feel free to talk with me about it. Our conversation will be confidential and I will try to put you in touch with people who can help.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or suggestions about this upcoming unit.

Sincerely,

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