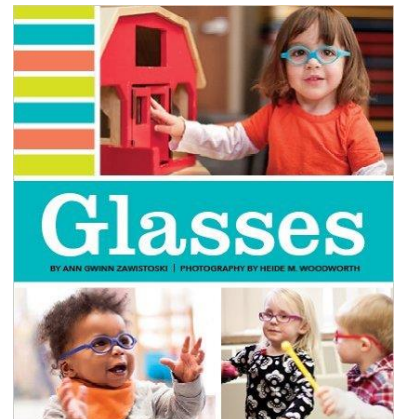
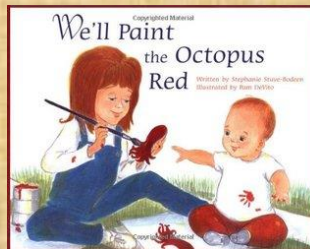


Books of the Month

Glasses by Ann Gwinn Zawistoski – Darling board book showing very young children, and some older children as well, wearing their glasses proudly. Ages 0-3.

We'll Paint the Octopus Red by S.A. Bodeen – Encouraging story about a little girl and her baby brother who is born with Down's Syndrome. She and her father talk about all they will be able to do together and find that everything they planned to do before the baby was born, they will still be able to do together, when he gets older. Ages 5-8.



OTHER BOOKS FEATURING Children with Different Abilities –

All Day Long (Teaching Your Baby to Sign) by Lora Heller – This board book shows clear, simple pictures of signs for basic communication. Ages 0-4.

Ballerina Dreams by Lauren Thompson – An inspiring true story of little girls with Cerebral Palsy performing in a ballet recital. Ages 4-7.

Brothers and Sisters by Laura Dwight – An accurate and inclusive portrayal of siblings in which one of the brothers or sisters has a disability. Whatever the disability, however, it does not interfere with normal family relationships. Ages 5-8.

Emmanuel's Dream: The True Story of Emmanuel Ofose Yeboah by Larue Ann Thompson & Sean Qualls – An incredible story about one boy who did not let a deformed leg get in the way of his education or exercise. He continues to spread his message across Ghana that "disability is not inability." Ages 5-8.

Extraordinary Friends by Fred Rogers – The incredible Mr. Rogers, who was ahead of his time, explains honestly about children with different disabilities and how we are all more alike than we realize. Ages 5-9.

Looking Out for Sarah by Glenna Lang – Describes a day in the life of a seeing-eye dog. Ages 3-8.

My Brother Charlie by Holly Robinson Peete and Ryan Elizabeth Peete – A little girl describes what it is like to live with her twin brother who has Autism. Beautifully told! Ages 4-8.

See-Saw! Nursery Songs by Annie Kubler – A board book of nursery rhymes and songs depicting children of many abilities, including children with glasses and a hearing aid. Ages 0-2.

Susan Laughs by Jeanne Willis – A story about a little girl who uses a wheelchair but this fact is not revealed until the end. Ages 3-5.

You may register for FREE STARS classes by clicking on the date of the class on the Calendar of the Pierce County Library web site:
www.piercecountylibrary.org.

THE TOPIC FOR THE NEXT STARS CLASS ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14TH WILL BE DEVELOPING A LOVE OF LITERACY IN ALL CHILDREN – INCLUSIVE LITERACY ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS.



Rhyme of the Month

Freedom's Child by Bill Martin, Jr.

(Tap your knees and chant the words...)

I like me, no doubt about it. I like me, can't live without it,

I like me, let's shout about it, I am Freedom's child.

You like you, no doubt about it. You like you, can't live without it,

You like you, let's shout about it. You are Freedom's child.

We all need the different kinds of people we can find to make Freedom's dream come true,

So as I learn to like the differences in me, I learn to like the differences in you.

I like you, no doubt about it. You like me, can't live without it,

We are free, let's shout about it. Hooray for Freedom's child!



Learning Ideas for November

FREEZER BAG PICTURE BOOKS

These books will help children to see that people with special needs can be independent in many ways and live wonderful, productive lives. Search for positive images on the Internet through www.google.com and typing "children with special needs" or "adults with special needs" into search box.

You can create one classroom book or individual books for each child to take home. Talk about the pictures in each child's book. Hopefully this will generate some helpful and honest classroom discussions.

What You Need:

- Card stock or thick paper
- Glue sticks
- Variety of photos showing people with various abilities and in many settings
- Small Ziploc baggies (5-8 per child)
- Stapler
- Duct tape or thick tape of some kind

Directions:

- Glue a few pictures onto thicker paper
- Place these inside the Ziploc bags
- Staple bags together and cover stapled ends with thick tape



TWO SENSORY ACTIVITIES

Both of these activities are meant to involve many of children's 5 senses, which helps them learn more deeply and concretely...

Nametags with Raised Letters

What You Need:

- Paper
- Hole punch and yarn
- "Raised" alphabet stickers

Children can feel what their name looks like when they create this nametag (for use in a circle or large group time). The alphabet stickers can be purchased at any craft supply store like Michaels OR online at Amazon.com.

Sticky Bubblegum

What You Need:

Sticky masking or scotch tape OR "Scratch n' Sniff" bubblegum stickers (can find these also on Amazon.com) Sing the song "Sticky Bubblegum" altogether and pass out stickers for each child to hold while they sing!