

The Mayor's Book Club is pleased to present our Book-of-the-Month for May:



Everyone Belongs

By Sarah Mensinga

It's Fun and Easy!

Everyone Belongs by Heather Avis and illustrated by Sarah Mensinga is a wonderful story about belonging and having a sense of community.

Tip #1 – *Everyone Belongs* has rhyming sentences throughout the story. This style can make it easier for emerging readers to follow a story. It can be a lot of fun to see what rhyming word comes next.

Tip #2 – The illustrations bring the story to life. It features characters of different races, skin tones, abilities, and cultures. It is beautiful to see the world reflected in a book as meaningful as this one.

Tip #3 – The book highlights and values characters with differences and similarities. Discuss with your family or friends what makes you unique.



Did You Know?

One of the skills your child must acquire to get ready to read is *print awareness*.



This just means noticing print everywhere, knowing how to

handle books, and understanding that the words on the page have meaning. To help your child develop this skill, point out signs as you drive and when you read a book together, identify the title of the book, the author and the illustrator. Occasionally run your finger under the words as you read and let your child turn the pages for you.



● Can you list some things that make us different?

▲ What things make us special?

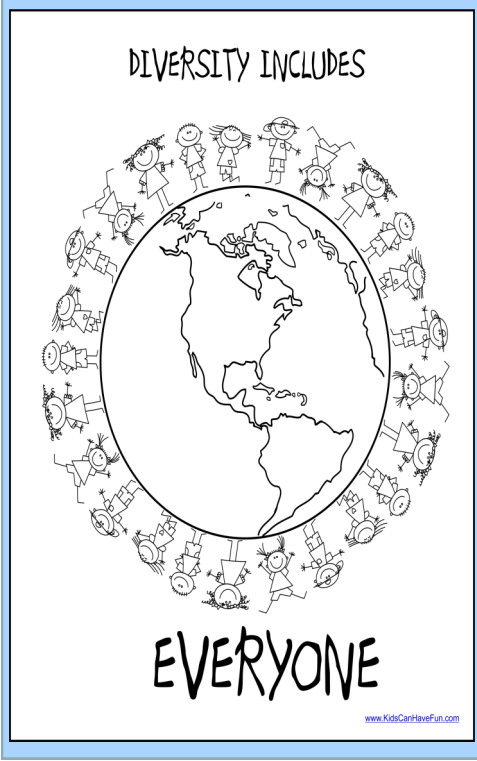
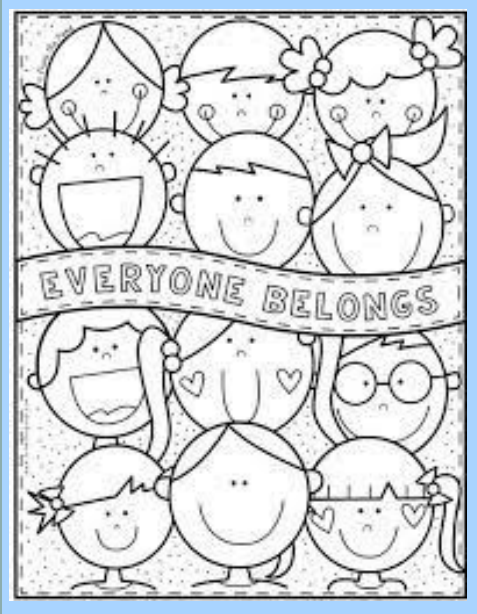
◆ What do you have that no one else has? What can you do that is special?

□ What do you think makes people bully?

★ What might people bully about?

◇ We all have the right to be happy. What else do we have the right to?

◆ How could we use other people's talents?



COMMUNITY RESOURCES

Hampton Area Parks

Mill Point Park

100 Eaton St

Waterfront green space offering picnic spots, a pavilion & frequent events such as festivals.

Gosnold's Hope Park

901 Little Back River Rd

Riverfront park with a boat/kayak launch, sports fields, charcoal grills & an RV campground.

Sandy Bottom Nature Park

1255 Big Bethel Rd

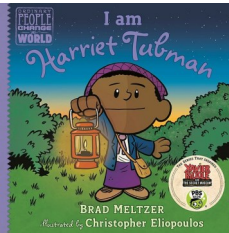
Environmental education preserve on 456 acres with a lake & nature center set on reclaimed land.

Buckroe Beach and Park

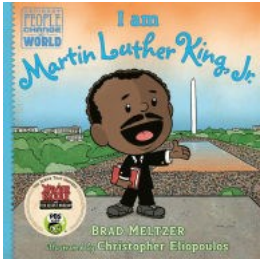
100 S 1st St

Recreational beach park with kayak/paddleboat rentals, a playground, stage pavilion & picnic sites

BOOK PICKS



I am Harriet Tubman
by Brad Meltzer



I am Martin Luther King, Jr.
by Brad Meltzer

I Am Special Poem

I am special,
I have _____ hair.

I am special,
I have _____ eyes.

I am special,
I like _____

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