

**GENERAL DISABILITY AWARENESS
CLASSROOM ACTIVITY SUGGESTIONS**

1. Have children make a collage of things they appreciate through their senses.
2. Have the children compile a list from A to Z describing things people with disabilities can do.
3. Have the children set up a display in the classroom about people with disabilities.
4. Have the children find out all they can about Special Olympics.
5. Have the children answer open-ended questions such as: "It makes a blind person feel _____ when you _____."
6. Have the children draw posters that develop positive attitudes about people with disabilities. Have a poster contest.
7. Have the children record their favorite stories for use by children with visual impairments.
8. As an art project, have the children paint by holding paint brushes in their mouth (hands in lap). Explain that this is how many people with cerebral palsy or other physical disabilities do artwork. Display the artwork around the classroom or school.
9. Have the children do a report on a famous person who has/had a disability. Some suggestions would be:

Physical Disabilities	Learning Disabilities	Blind	Hearing Impairments
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Lord Nelson ◦ Franklin Roosevelt ◦ Wilma Rudolph ◦ Handel ◦ Toulouse L'autrec ◦ Magellan 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Albert Einstein ◦ Greg Louganis ◦ Henry Winkler ◦ Cher ◦ Tom Cruise 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Helen Keller ◦ Ray Charles ◦ Stevie Wonder ◦ Jose Feliciano 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Beethoven ◦ Alexander Graham Bell ◦ Thomas Edison

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