

Disability Acceptance through Literature Book Studies F.A.Q.

MY CHILD IS ON THE EDGE OF TWO DIFFERENT AGE GROUPS. WHICH SHOULD WE SIGN UP FOR?

You and your kid know best. Which book is more appealing? Reading level can factor into this choice, but hanging out with peers they feel comfortable with is important too. Feel free to register and just reach out to us if you have any other concerns. We do our best to facilitate meaningful access to these stories so that the focus can be on fun.

WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A "STORY TOUR" AND BOOK STUDY?

Story Tours: facilitators read one picture book aloud each week and build on a theme, with small activities and discussion Q's. Book studies: we read one chapter book over several weeks (5 to 8 weeks depending on age group and book length.) Participants read/listen on their own time between meetings.

MY CHILD USES AAC. IS DATL A GOOD FIT?

YES. We create PODD pages with specific vocab and character names, and often use the Chat on Zoom. Please let us know if there's a particular feature or activity that would work well for your kiddo! We value all forms of communication, we love learning from families and we're happy to meet students where they are.

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DO PARENTS JOIN IN DURING MEETINGS?

Sometimes! If you feel your child would engage more comfortably with you present, you're welcome to join. If they'd be distracted, you can help them get connected to the Zoom and step away. We want participants to feel they can join in the conversation freely, whatever that looks like.

MY CHILD IS HAVING TROUBLE KEEPING UP WITH THE READING EACH WEEK. HOW CAN I HELP?

Shorter sections can help make reading each week easier to tackle. You can also try listening to the recorded chapters together... evening listening can be a great way to wind down, and car rides are better with a book on the stereo. If they are enjoying the meetings, do encourage them to join in regardless. Sometimes the joy of reading can follow from the joy of talking with friends about a book!

SO IF WE DIDN'T FINISH THE CHAPTERS FOR THE WEEK, WE CAN STILL JOIN IN?

SURE, we'll be glad to see you!
SPOILER WARNING: they might experience a spoiler or two if they aren't caught up. If that's a bummer, join in next week!

CAN MY KIDDO JOIN IF THEY AREN'T COMFORTABLE TURNING CAMERA ON?

There's no expectation to have or keep Zoom cameras on. Sometimes kids are more comfortable with the chat than spoken responses-- that's all good, too. (And we know how action-packed weeknights can be... participants are welcome to join with a bowl from dinner.)

I HAVE ANOTHER QUESTION!

Don't hesitate to reach out! Contact Jennifer, jmacsisak@includemepa.org and Celia, cmorrison@includemepa.org