



LESTER C. NOECKER SCHOOL

ROSELAND SCHOOL DISTRICT

"Inclusion is opening our minds to new possibilities, making room for different perspectives and enriching the experience for everyone along the way." - Lisa Friedman

Dear Noecker Community,

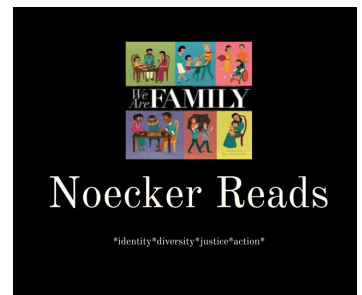
It is with much pride that we share our Noecker Reads Trimester 1 Inclusivity parent folders with you! Our teachers and the Inclusivity Committee worked collaboratively in their development and will continue to explore best practices, district needs, and implementation strategies as Trimesters 2 and 3 are developed. Inclusivity activities will occur during students' scheduled Health & Wellness periods during the week of October 25th.

The [Integrated Inclusivity Presentation](#) is to aid in your understanding of the "work in progress" nature of this initiative. Additionally the [Inclusivity Curriculum](#) is designed as a teaching document to assist in your understanding of our goals, our transparency, and our care in developing supports towards the 2021-2022 [district goal](#) of Inclusivity:

- *Inclusivity - To build understanding of others' experiences and perspectives by increasing conversation and instruction around diversity, respect, tolerance, and inclusivity.*

Trimester 1's focus is on Identity and encompasses the [below standards](#) at the appropriate grade level:

1. develop positive social identities
2. explore group identities
3. see how identities interact and create unique and complex individuals
4. express pride, confidence and healthy self-esteem without denying the value and dignity of other people
5. understand that the way my family and I do things is both the same as and different from how other people do things.



As shared in [last week's Wednesday Notification](#), Our **Trimester 1 Noecker Reads** texts have been slightly revised as we completed our units. They are:

- [Grades K-1 Alma](#) written and illustrated by Juana Martinez-Neal [A Caldecott Honor Book](#)
- [Grades 2-4 Where Are You From?](#) written by Yamile Saied Mendez and illustrated by Jamie Kim
- [Grades 5-6 Islandborn](#) written by Junot Diaz and illustrated by Leo Espinosa [A Pura Belpre Honor Book](#)

You can view all three books (electronically), teaching slides, and activity hand-outs [HERE](#).

Please take the time and opportunity to [review the texts, discussions, and activities](#) students and teachers will explore during the [Trimester 1's focus on Identity](#).

"Whenever people listen to one another humbly and openly, their shared values and aspirations become all the more apparent. Diversity is no longer seen as a threat, but as a source of enrichment." - Pope Francis