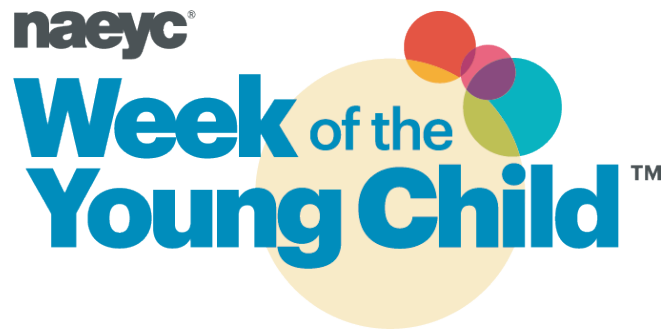


# Incorporating Diversity



There are various ways to incorporate diversity in the classroom. Here are a few suggestions for the Week of the Young Child:

- Cultural: Create a theme for different cultures. Combine cultural celebrations and outline the meanings behind the celebration. Develop cooking experiences with various foods from other cultures. Create arts and crafts projects with material from various cultures.
- Racial: Have dolls of different skin tones and provide art projects for the children that incorporate skin-colored crayons and paints.
- Physical: Have doll size wheelchairs and crutches in the classroom for the children. Read books about children with special needs.
- Language: Introduce other languages into the classroom by displaying various languages on the items in the classroom, teach children how to say a few words, and teach sign language.
- Family dynamics: Read books about different families and during small group or circle time talk with the children about their views of how families look and function.
- Incorporate music, dance, and movement from different countries.
- Invite parents, family members, and speakers from different cultures and races to come in the center and read stories in different languages or about different cultures.

**Remember when describing the differences also highlight the similarities.**



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