

# **Diversity in the Classroom**

**A collection of easy ways to include Diversity in  
your classroom!**

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# **Toys & Games**

- **Family Photo Puzzles**
- **Magnetic dolls**
- **Ethnic dolls**
- **Dreidels**
- **Nesting Dolls**
- **Memory game using different skin tones**
- **Photo matching games**
  - **Using children's pictures**
  - **Using cultural symbols**
- **Board games from home**
- **Games of child's interest**
- **Magazines for children to make a family collage**
- **Play figures representing**
  - **Children with special needs**
  - **Non-stereotypical**
- **Mancala**
- **Sorting games**

# Art

- **Self-portrait**
- **Skin tone paint**
- **Colored yarn**
- **Imported cloth**
- **Beads**
- **Art books**
- **Paper dolls**
- **Red clay**
- **Multicultural collage bin**
- **Magazines**
  - **National Geographic**
- **Art prints from around the world**
- **Play dough**
- **Rice paper**
- **Dry gourds**
- **Coconut shells**
- **Recycled materials**
- **Leaves**
- **Rainmakers**
- **Art work representing the children's homes.**

# **Music & Movement**

- **Instruments from around the world**
- **Music from at home**
- **Children's favorite songs**
- **Scarves**
- **Dancing**
- **Leaves**
- **Have children take turns to lead a movement activity**
- **Listen to music in different languages**
- **Traditional dances from other cultures**
- **Pom-poms**
- **Dance ribbons**
- **Have children make their own instruments**
- **Use unconventional items for instruments**
  - **Tin cans**
  - **Pots and pans**

# **Classroom Environment (Physical)**

- **Hang the children's artwork on the walls**
- **Photos of the children and their families**
- **Have items from the children's homes**
- **Labels in different languages**
- **Books with different languages**
- **Open spaces with low shelves**
- **Rugs and other decorations from other countries**

# House Area

- **Food from home**
- **Menus reflecting home**
- **Cooking utensils**
- **Costumes (non-stereotypical)**
- **Family Pictures**
- **Family recipes**
- **Pictures of places in the children's neighborhoods**
- **Grocery bags**
  - **Fabric ones**
- **Farmer's market**
- **Clothing from home**
- **Washer dryer**
- **Special needs items**
  - **Talking items**
  - **Wheelchair**
- **Favorite food**
- **Brailed items**
- **Foreign Money**
- **Recipes from different countries**

# **Books**

- **Books from children's homes**
- **Read book in language from children's homes**
- **All about me books**
- **Picture books of the families**
- **Book of family pets**
- **Class book**
- **Picture books**
- **Emotions and Feeling books**
- **Books from or about where families have travelled**
- **Pictures of parent's primary source of transportation**
- **Books with clothing pictures from different social groups**
- **Journals and Newspapers**
- **Touch and feel books**
- **Books with story tapes**