



Inclusivity through actions

The Mission

“The "Power of One" assembly program is designed to promote inclusivity, empathy, and understanding within the school community. This initiative emphasizes that a single action or individual can significantly and positively impact someone's life. By sharing the narrative of "I'm Not Invisible: Franny's Neighborhood Mission," participants will explore how they can become agents of change, ensuring that every student feels acknowledged and valued. The program encourages students to express themselves and connect with others through the power of their actions. Additionally, the program aims to foster a passion for rich vocabulary, literary elements, and writing.

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Personal Journey

To kickstart the program, I will share the personal journey that led to the creation of "I'm Not Invisible." By recounting my daughter's challenges and my experiences as a classroom teacher, we will deepen our understanding of the importance of embracing and celebrating the unique voices within our community. The concept of "The Power of One" will be introduced through examples of individuals who have changed lives through their simple actions.

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Book Reading and Discussion

We will engage in a book reading session, immersing ourselves in the world of the story's lovable and relatable character, Franny. Through interactive discussions, we will explore her struggles, desires, and aspirations. By reflecting on their own experiences and perspectives, students will develop empathy and compassion





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Building Empathy through Activities

In this segment, we will participate in empathy-building activities designed to foster a deeper understanding of inclusivity. Students will engage in role-playing exercises that allow them to experience firsthand the challenges faced by their peers. By stepping into someone else's shoes, they can cultivate empathy and promote a culture of understanding.



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Action-Oriented Discussion

In this final segment, we will discuss practical steps students can take to create a more inclusive environment. Together, we will brainstorm ways to support and include those facing unique challenges, and all who feel invisible at one time or another, ensuring that everyone can feel seen or heard. Students will be encouraged to initiate small acts of kindness and advocate for inclusivity in their classrooms, hallways, and beyond. Encouraging them to use their **Power to Be the ONE** who

makes a difference in someone else's life!

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Beyond the Message

Literary Elements Workshop:

We will dive into the power of words and storytelling, focusing on the literary elements in "I'm Not Invisible." Students will learn about character development, setting, conflict resolution, and other crucial elements that make a story impactful. Through interactive discussions, we will explore how writing can be a vehicle for promoting inclusivity and amplifying the voices of those facing unique challenges.

Inclusive Writing Exercise:

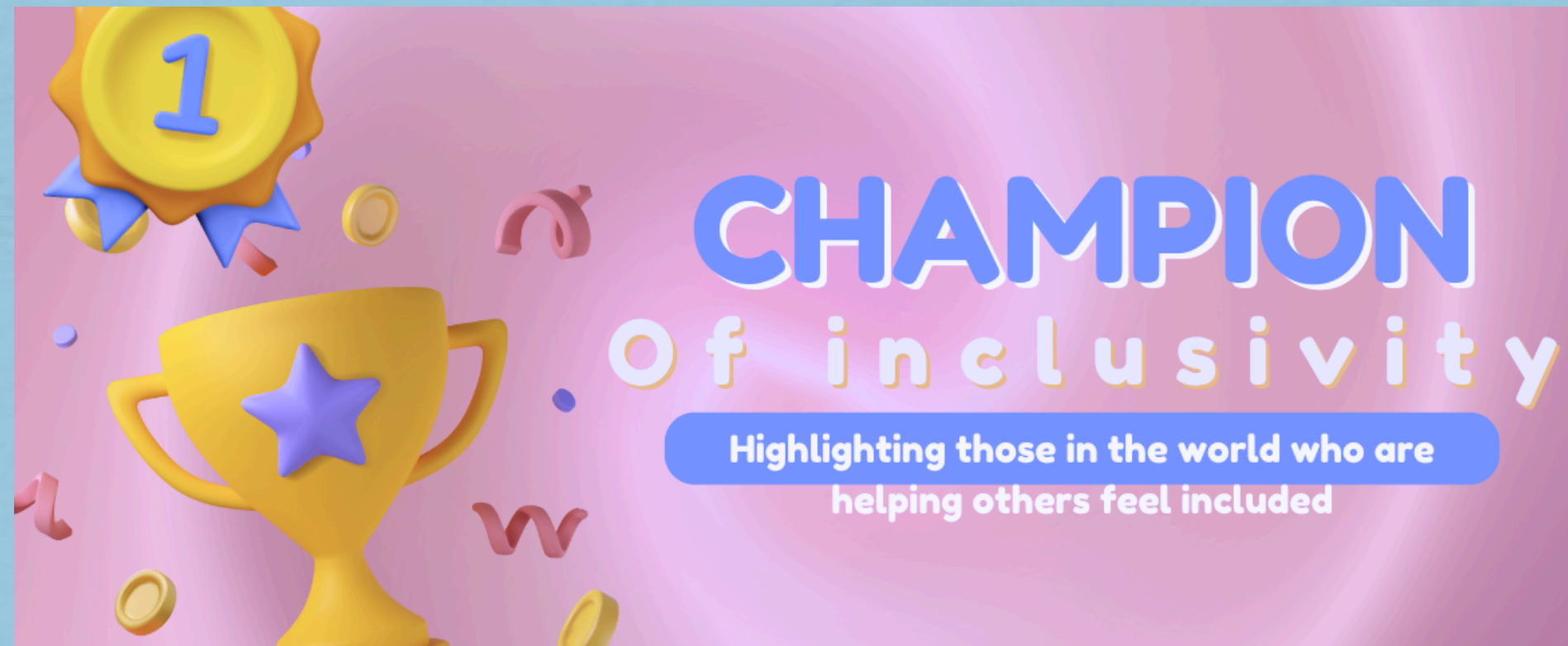
Students will have the opportunity to express their creativity and advocacy through a writing exercise centered around inclusivity and their influences related to "The Power of One." They will be encouraged to create their own stories, poems, or essays that celebrate diversity, acceptance, and empathy. By using their voices, students will learn about their influence through "The Power of One" within the school community.

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Children can become champions and advocates for their peers, working together to promote inclusion and support. It emphasizes the idea of standing alongside one another, fostering empathy, and creating a sense of unity within the program.



Details on how to become an “Champion of Inclusivity” can be found at www.melissacass.com



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PURPOSE: To go beyond words and showcase kindness through meaningful actions, fostering an inclusive environment where all children feel seen and heard. This initiative demonstrates the impact that "The Power of One" can have on individuals, while also cultivating a love for writing and literacy.



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