

LIGHT IT UP BLUE

APRIL IS AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH

April 2nd marked World Autism Awareness Day. April is a month where we reflect on what we know about Autism, learn more information about Autism, and we promote the embracing and celebrating differences of all people.

Autism affects the way a person's brain works. It is not a disease. It is not contagious. Autism is also called ASD (Autism Spectrum Disorder). Autism is known as a "spectrum" disorder because there is a wide variation, difference or range in type and severity of symptoms that people experience when having Autism.

NOT ALL PEOPLE WITH AUTISM ARE THE SAME

People with Autism may act in uncommon ways. Some may have difficulty with certain activities, but they may have strengths in other areas.

For example, a person with Autism may not speak or they may speak but find social situations very difficult and find it difficult to understand emotions. Yet, they may be very quick and good at math, be a great artist, or be a wizz with computers and technology.



*Light it up
blue event
- April
13th*



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Strive not to
be a success, but
rather to be of
value.

Albert
Einstein



ALBERT
EINSTEIN

CHARACTERISTICS OF AUTISM

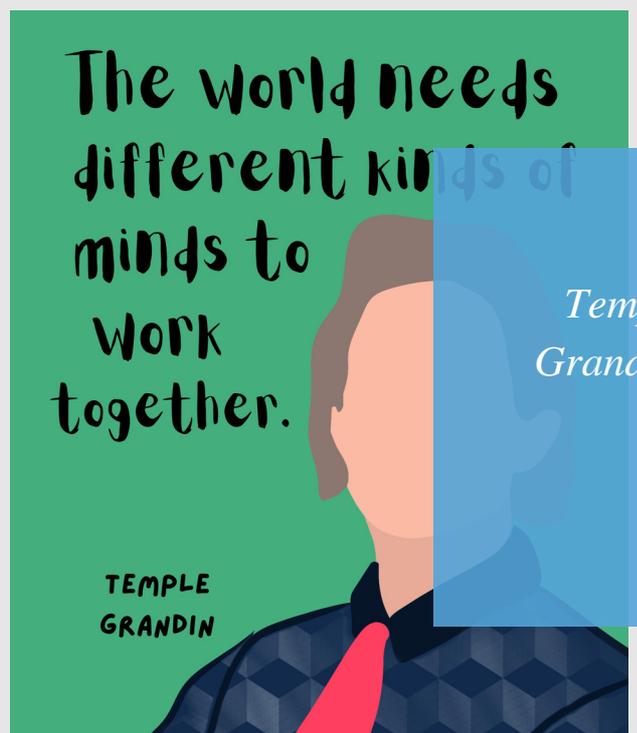
- Talk about or show interest in a select variety of topics (only about a few topics)
- Have trouble relating to others or not have an interest in other people
- Have trouble understanding other people's feelings or talking about their own feelings
- Repeat actions over and over again
- Have trouble adapting when routine changes or "going with the flow"
- Have unusual reactions to the way things smell, taste, look, feel, or sound

- Have trouble talking, make strange sounds, or not talk at all
- Flap their hands, spin, or laugh a lot
- Sit quietly and not look at others
- Play or behave differently than others
- Have trouble looking at you
- Do or say the same things over and over again (like lining up toys or repeating a line)

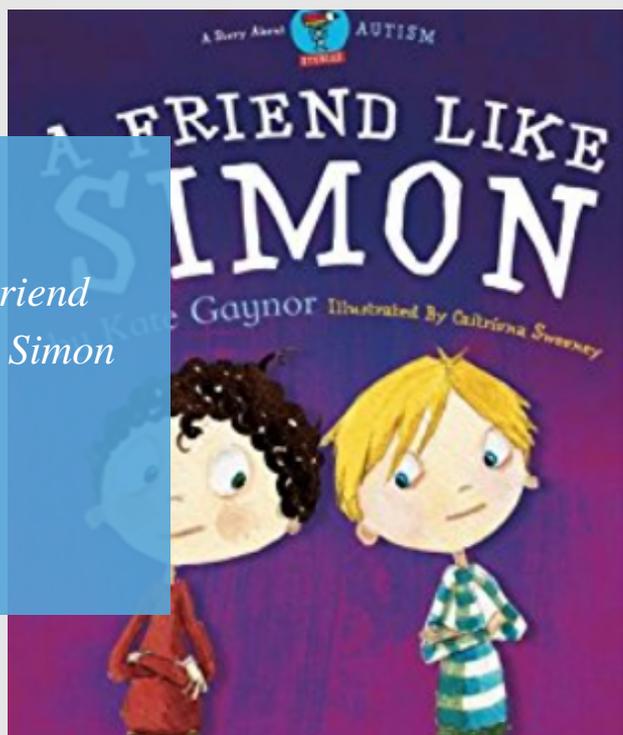
The world needs
different kinds of
minds to
work
together.

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A Friend like Simon

SOME BOOKS ON AUTISM

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READING COMPREHENSION ACTIVITY

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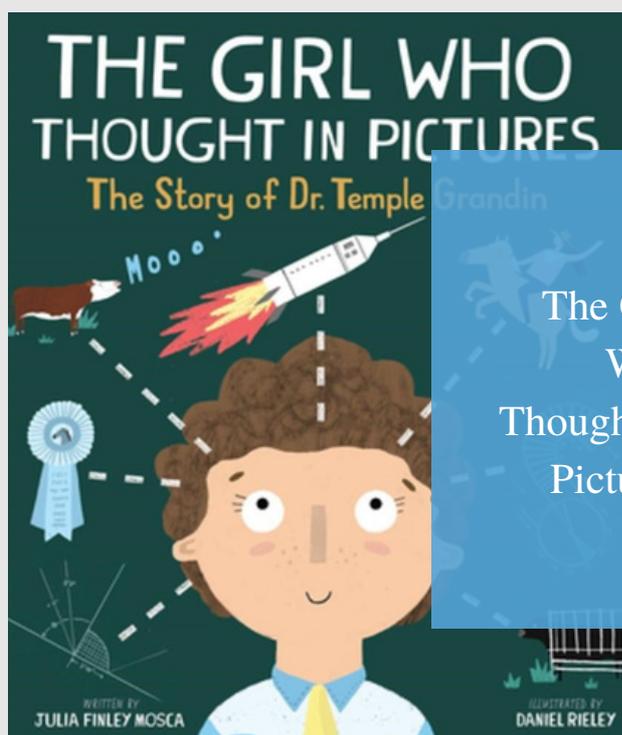
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USE PEOPLE LANGUAGE FIRST

When a person has a disability and you are talking about them always say WHO they are before anything else.

"This is my friend, Mahmoud. He loves playing in the sandpit and he is good at science."

Describe who they are first not their disability.



The Girl Who Thought in Pictures