

2020 Caring Classrooms Contest

Because of school closures, we have opened this contest to all Maine students in grades 1-6 (whether they have had our classroom programs or not) and are extending the deadline to June 15, 2020.

Each student should write a short answer to the prompt for his/her grade (maximum of one page per student), and each submission should include their name, grade, and school name/homeschooled.

The contest is a great way for children to think about disabilities and inclusion.

We will choose the winning entries that best reflect respect, empathy, and inclusion.

Entries can be e-mailed to info@cromwellcenter.org or mailed to The Cromwell Center, 97A Exchange Street, Suite 205, Portland, ME 04101.

Prompts:

- Grade 1: What do you like about having friends and family members with different strengths and abilities?
- Grade 2 and 3: We all have different abilities and different challenges. Why is that a good thing?
- Grade 4: What do you know about strengths, challenges, and disabilities that you can't see (such as learning disabilities, autism, etc.)?
- Grade 5: We all know about the negative power of unkind words. What can YOU do to help build kindness and respect?
- Grade 6: What can YOU do to help prevent teasing, bullying, and exclusion?

Prizes:

The Cromwell Center will pick the thoughts that best reflect our program messages of respect, empathy, and inclusion. A winner for each grade will receive \$25. One Grand Prize Winner will receive \$50 and a pizza party for their classroom or family!

Questions? E-mail us at info@cromwellcenter.org.

We will publicize the winning entries and will contact the student's parent/guardian for permission to do so.

