

Teacher Reflection Page: Dr. Jennifer Kelly

Grade Level: Middle and High School

Use this reflection page to explore the thoughts and ideas expressed by Dr. Jennifer Kelly, Licensed Clinical Psychologist, in the Deeper Look Video about teaching children to accept difference.

1. Dr. Kelly warns that if we do not teach our children to be tolerant of the changing world then “they may have more difficulty adjusting because that’s just not the way the world is anymore.” What is Dr. Kelly concerned that children won’t be able to adjust to?

2. Dr. Kelly says “No matter how you feel about it you have to be tolerant and accept people for being different and for having different lifestyles and not be rude.” Do you think that she is asking enough of people when she says that we need to be tolerant and accepting? Why or why not?

3. Dr. Kelly speaks directly to parents about their role in helping make children more tolerant and accepting of diverse lifestyles. What role do you think that teachers can play in helping their students to be more tolerant and accepting of others?

4. How have you handled issues or demonstrations of intolerance in your own classroom? Is there anything that Dr. Kelly suggests that you might implement in the future?
