

SOCIAL STORY

PLAYING NICELY WITH OTHERS



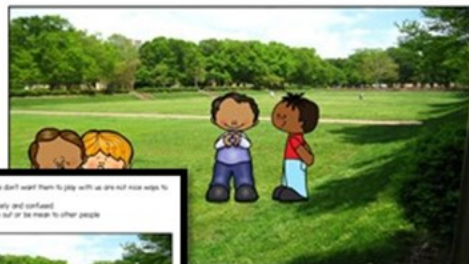
Some people act differently and have different ways of learning new things.
Some people might not be able to talk very well or know how to ask to play.
Sometimes people don't know how to play the games we are playing.



Even if someone is different from us and does different things to us, they still like to play with other people and join in with their games.
It makes them feel happy, just like it makes us feel happy when we are able to play with other people.



If you have finished playing a game with someone you can say
"I don't want to play anymore".
"Let's play something else".
"Thanks for playing with me, I am going to go play somewhere else".



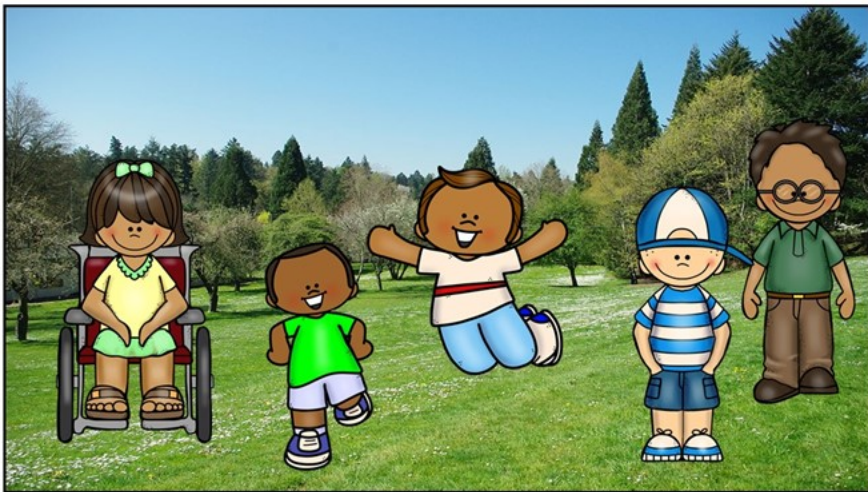
Choosing games and telling someone that we don't want them to play with us are not nice ways to play.
It might make that person feel very sad, lonely and confused.
It is important that we don't laugh at, leave out or be mean to other people.
This is not being kind.



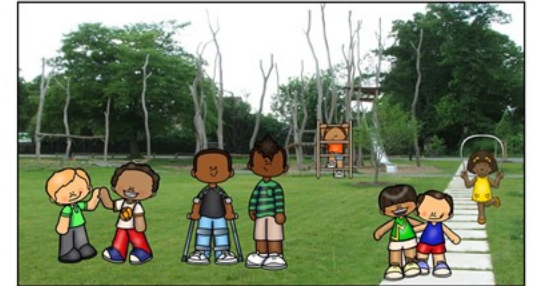
Each person in our class is different.
Everyone has different ways of talking and likes or doesn't like different things.
Everyone has things that they are good at and things they are not so good at.
We are all very different from each other.



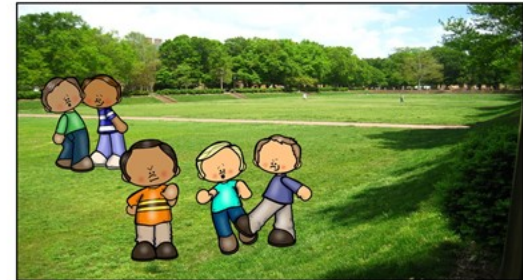
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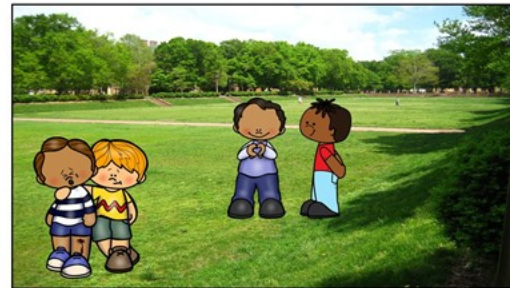
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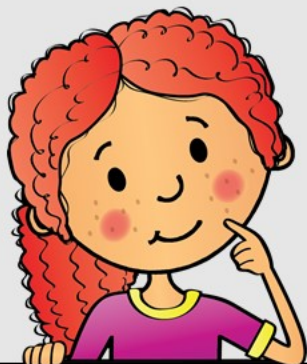
Chasing games and telling someone that we don't want them to play with us are not nice ways to play.
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Sometimes we like to play with other kids, and sometimes we play on our own.
 Sometimes if someone is playing on their own, it's because they don't know how to join in and no-one has asked them to play.
 It can make people happy if they are asked to play or join in with the games.



Feeling overwhelmed isn't a nice feeling.
 Everyone's brains work differently and sometimes people need a break to calm down and do something to make themselves feel better like
 playing with a special toy,
 blowing bubbles or
 taking big breaths.



If you want to know why someone might do different things to us, we can ask our teacher.
 We can also ask our teacher how we can help that person join in if we don't know how.
 It's a kind thing to ask other people to play, help them to learn a new game and to include them.
 That can make you feel happy too.



Teaching Notes

A social story is an effective way to teach children how to navigate a new situation, such as starting school or preschool.

Social stories can help children understand what to expect at school or preschool and they can be used to support orientation, which is particularly useful when children and families are not able to be on-site.

Teaching children how to play nicely with others is a common social skill that needs to be frequently addressed.

As educators we always will say things like, "be kind" or "treat others the way you want to be treated", however we need to explicitly teach these skills.

This story can be used to help children to develop skills so that they can learn to play and integrate with other children in the playground or classroom.



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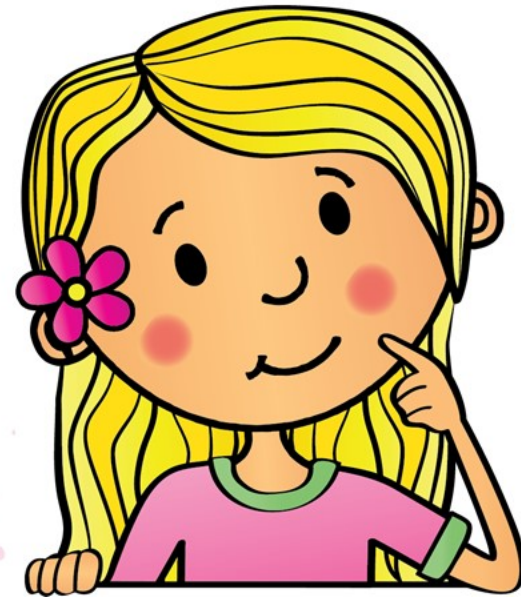
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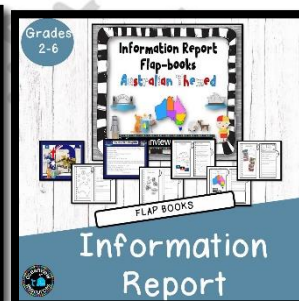
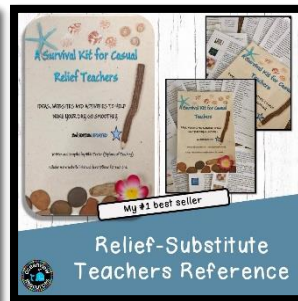
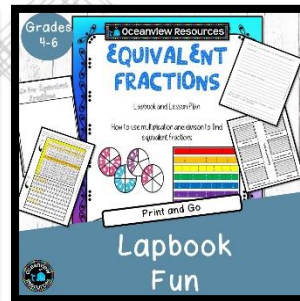
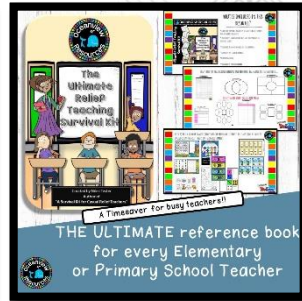
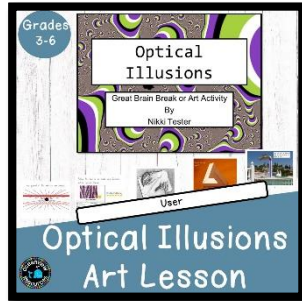
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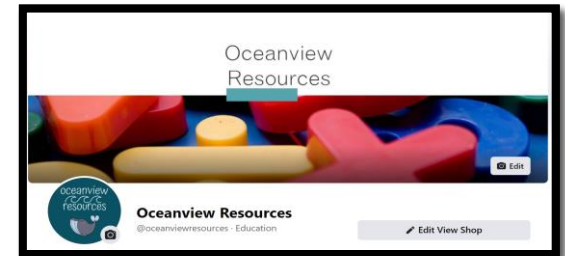
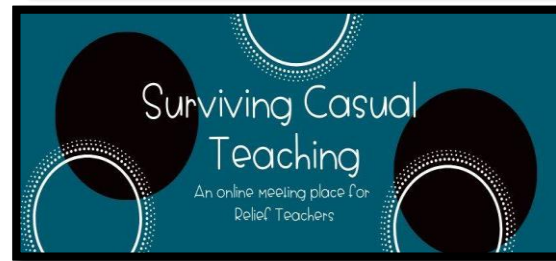
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