

How Do Courageous Leaders Lead?

We learned that leaders lead by solving economic problems. We learned about opportunity cost, which is when you can only get one thing because you have a scarcity. Scarcity is when there is not enough of something you need like inclusive equipment, space, or money.

Leaders have to think about these things when they are trying to make decisions.





Woodfill's Problem



We have a problem at Woodfill and that problem is there is no special needs equipment. Wheelchairs can't go on the mulch and people in wheelchairs can't have fun at recess. We were thinking that we can add inclusive equipment for special needs kids so they don't have to sit and watch other kids having fun and so they can have fun too.



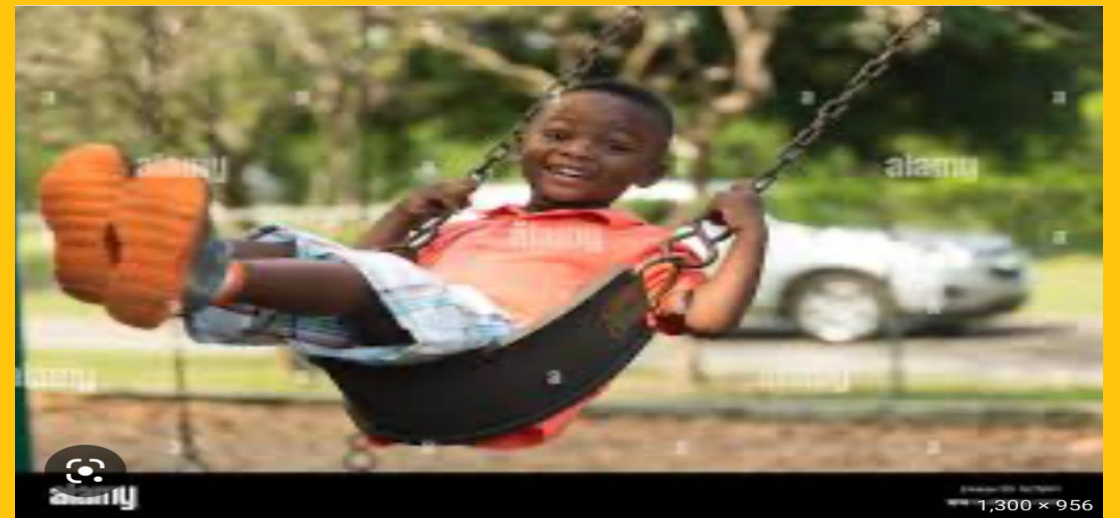
Why Inclusive Play is Beneficial...



Children learn while playing. If kids are not included in play they won't have a chance to develop relationships. Brains may not be as developed as kids who do get included in play. Inclusive play is beneficial because children of all abilities get to play together. When children of all abilities get to play together, they learn to be accepting of all others differences. Kids with special needs are happier and more stimulated when included in a safe way.

Why play is good...

Play is beneficial for kids so they can learn social skills like making friends and being kind. Another reason for play being good is so they can grow stronger muscles for jobs when they're an adult. Kids can learn fine motor skills and can have a lot more fun and have a higher chance to not be bullied.



What the experts said...

The Viox and Viox engineers said that we need a safe playground but at the same time easily accessible equipment for special needs kids so they can be able to play.

We need to talk with Mr. Gesenhues and Ms. Waymeyer about what we need to put on the playground for special needs children to play with so we can be inclusive while playing.

We spoke to our Special Education teachers who said we need a new surface and equipment that gives our kids sensory input like swings, spinners, and instruments.

We spoke to PTO and the Education Foundation about helping us with funding this project.



Ways to Change Our Playground...



1. Rubber surface instead of mulch because wheelchairs can't go in it and special needs kids throw the mulch and put it in their mouth.
2. Swings instead of snake because not a lot of people play on the snake.
3. Sensory walls and music instruments because it helps with senses.

Next Steps....



1. We have ranked our top needs on the playground: new surface, spinning equipment, musical/sensory equipment/
1. Check with the Viox engineers to get a cost on purchasing these things.
1. Ask our PTO and Education Foundation for funding and use our profits from our Farmer's Market Sales to help.

Thank you...



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