

Kindergarteners learn sign language

ADDISON — As part of their efforts to better include their special education students with their general education students, Stone School staff set up an Ability Awareness Training experience for students in Kindergarten through 5th grade. Last week, every Stone student had the opportunity to learn about physical disabilities, deaf/hearing-impairment, and visual impairments.

Staff from Northeast DuPage Special Recreation Association (NEDSRA) led students through activities at three stations and educated the students about how each of these impairments may affect daily living for others. The purpose of this experience was to provide students with a better sense of the challenges faced by individuals with disabilities, learn how to adapt everyday activities to

include peers who have a disability, and better understand their peers who are faced with special needs and challenges (which, in turn, will lead to a greater level of acceptance).

These photos show kindergarten students practicing sign language, walking blindfolded through a hallway with obstacles, and wheeling around the gym with special sports wheelchairs.

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