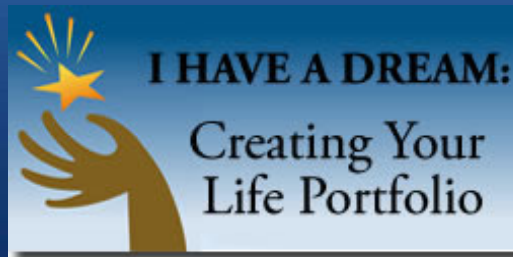


# 'More the Same Than Different' Creative Writing Contest for Nesbit Elementary School 5<sup>th</sup> Graders!

Join us in celebrating 2012 Exceptional Children's Week (May 7-12)

by participating in the first-annual 'MORE THE SAME THAN DIFFERENT' Creative Writing Contest. First, second and third place winners will each receive: an award, recognition on morning announcements, and their winning entry published in an Exceptional Children's Week book for all Nesbit students!



**WHO:** All 5<sup>th</sup> grade students at Nesbit Elementary

**WHAT:** Write either an original story/essay or a poem/written rap about how children with and without disabilities may go about certain things differently but how all students are the same—sharing similar talents, interests, likes, dislikes, hopes and dreams for the future.

**WHEN:** All submissions must be turned in to your teacher by Wednesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2012 by 9 a.m. Teachers will place their students' entries in the 'More the Same Than Different' Writing Contest box in the Teacher's Mail Room by 10 a.m.

**Winners will be announced and recognized during Exceptional Children's Week – May 7-12, 2012.**

The contest and Exceptional Children's Week are part of the year-long "I Have a Dream: Creating Your Life Portfolio" program to encourage students with and without disabilities to dream big for their futures.

The program is brought to you by:



## How to Enter:

Choose a writing category – either prose or poetry. Only one contest entry may be submitted from each student.

**Category 1: PROSE** – Fiction story or personal essay (No more than 250 words)

**Category 2: POETRY** – Poem or written rap (No more than 150 words)

- Writing submissions must feature a disability theme or include character/characters with disabilities.
- Use people-first language, to show disability is a characteristic of a person not a definition of who they are. For example: Say person with a disability rather than disabled person; person who is blind rather than blind person. Put the person first.
- Submit your entry to your teacher by Wednesday, May 2, 2012 by 9 a.m. Your entry should include your name and your teacher's name.