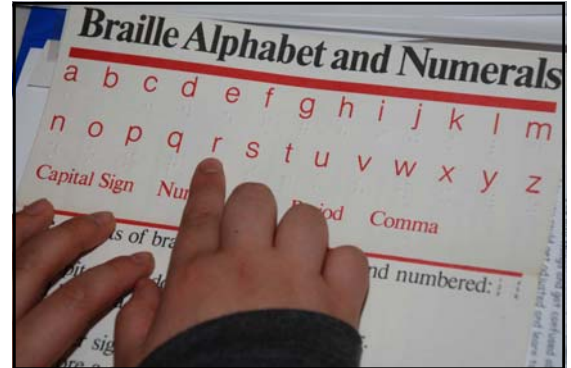




Liz Gobbo and Traci Gerhardt, PTSA Special Needs Co-Chairs, organized the first ever **Abilities Awareness Fair** on Thursday, January 29th. Third through sixth graders visited 6 stations with information about what kids encounter when they have a disability. Mobility, Sensory, Hearing/Speech, Sight, Dyslexia and Fine Motor Skills were the focus of the fair.

Sight

The students used a Braille card to experience how unsighted people read. The students learned that other senses became more sensitive when one has been taken away.

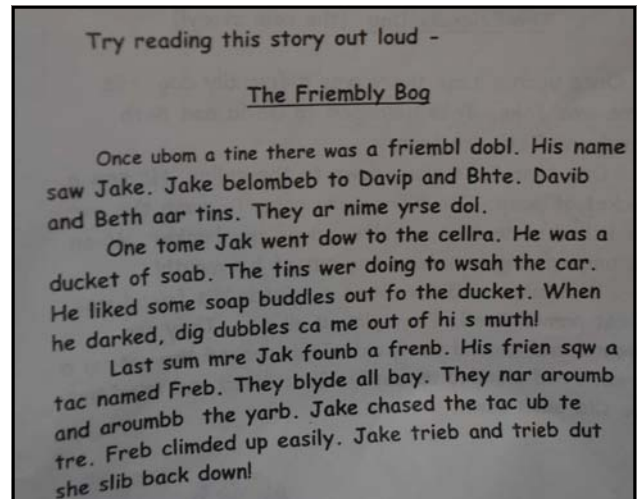


Fine Motor Abilities

Students wore large rubber gloves and tried to button shirts, zip jackets and tie shoe laces. This activity demonstrated how difficult it is to do everyday tasks with fine motor disabilities.

Dyslexia

Can you read this story? Someone with dyslexia may experience some scrambled or backwards letters and words.



Hearing Impaired

Sign Language is used by many people who experience hearing loss. Here is the Sign Language alphabet. Can you spell your name?

Mobility

People confined to wheelchairs have many obstacles. Mobility issues, soreness from sitting, and obstacles to access numerous places. Justin is a Special Olympic swimmer who accepts himself and encourages others to do the same.

