

# Making Sense of Our Senses

Dear Family,

We are studying how we use our senses to help understand people better and develop respect for others. Please read this with me and we can answer this together. I will bring this back to class in two days.

**Hearing** is the first of our senses we will talk about. All of us hear words, phrases and sentences differently. One of us may think the person speaking is happy. One of us may think the person is sad.

Why?

How can listening carefully help us to understand each other better?

## Smell

Our next sense is that of smell. One person's favorite smell can be awful to another person. How do you feel when you smell each of these?

- Cotton Candy
- Green peas
- Flowers
- Just cut grass
- The trash can



## **Sight**

Our eyes give us so much information. First sights may be disturbing. What can we do to make sure we see beyond our eyes?

Example for thought: A person who may have lost their hair due to cancer treatment, an immediate reaction may be to stare and not say hello.

## **Touch**

One student touches a snake and likes the feel of it. One student thinks it feels awful. What do you think makes the difference?

## **Taste**

Taste is not the last or the least of our senses. One of our favorite foods may be the least favorite to another.

Do you like a food because your family does? Name one.

Do you like a food because your friend does? Name one.

Can you name one food you do not really like now, but you think you might like when you get older?

