I believe that as an early childhood educator, having an inclusive classroom is so important, not only for the children with disabilities or diverse needs, but for the entire classroom. Making sure everyone within your classroom feels a sense of belonging and acceptance is key. I believe being inclusive means that all the children, no matter their abilities, is not only physically in and part of the classroom, but also fully engaged. I would make sure that the proper supports were given where needed and everyone can fully participate in all activities.

Having a classroom that is fully inclusive benefits all the children. They can learn at their own pace, in their own ways, but all within the same space, in engaging and meaningful interactions. I want the children within in my classroom to all understand and respect that each person is unique in the way that they learn and to appreciate everyone's differences. As the educator, role modeling acceptance for everyone within my room impacts how all children view each other.

I will make sure that all the children within my classroom have everything they need to be successful, from having the proper personal supports, materials that will aid them in their learning and a classroom that is physically accessible to all. Developing on their own individual strengths.

Having an inclusive classroom will help students understand that our classroom, our school, and our community doesn't have to be divided by people who have disabilities and those who do not. We are all part of the same puzzle. We all fit together, and we all have our place. We can learn from each other and the different ways that we learn. We can grow together in unity. I believe if this is modelled and implemented in front of the children, the children will learn from us and model this to their family as well as everyone they encounter. If we all work at this together, we can not only impact our classroom, but we can impact the world. It only takes one person to make a difference. I will be that one person; will you join me?