

## HOW DOES IT WORK?

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- ★ Students will be paired with a peer that has autism or other disabilities
- ★ Students will be working with their peer at least once a week and as much as once a day.
- ★ Students will be provided training during a scheduled class.
- ★ Students will meet and discuss any problems or questions on Fridays.
- ★ Students will engage in academic and non academic activities to build relationships, fostering social skills, and independence

## BENEFITS OF TEEKS

**Building Leadership Skills**

**Celebrating Diversity**

**Promoting Community**

**Teaching Responsibility**

**Developing Social Competence**

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# TEEKS

Teaching Excellence Encouraging  
Kindness in Students

**PEER TO PEER PROGRAM**

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Why fit in  
when you were born to  
**STAND OUT!**  
--Dr. Seuss



# WANT TO LEARN MORE?

## Intro to Autism for Kids

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ydGdZdTiy5c>

## Intro to LINKS Program (Jenison Public Schools)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UvMEJ8r5CuM>

Research has shown peer participants also gain skills including:

- ★ Organization
- ★ Responsibility
- ★ Problem Solving
- ★ Decision Making
- ★ Accountability



# DO YOU HAVE WHAT IT TAKES TO BE A TEEK?



Do you know how to be  
a good friend?

Do you know how to be  
a kid?

Do you like to help  
people?

Do you care about  
others?

# HOW TO BE A LINK

Dear Parents,

Your child is invited to participate in our Peer to Peer/LINKS support program or known as TEEKS. There are students on the autism spectrum or that have other disabilities in our school who would benefit from social activities during the school day with their peers.

Your child could be paired with these students during classroom activities, lunch, in the hallway, or any time throughout their school day. Their main goal is to demonstrate leadership in a way to help the child understand appropriate social behavior. The other main goal for your child is to create a new friendship and most importantly HAVE FUN.

TEEKs students will participate in meetings to brainstorm and share in the support of our target student by noticing positive behaviors, challenges, and then creating an action plan to help with our target students success.

If your child is interested in becoming a peer for this program, please sign the application form that your child needs to complete and return to Mrs. Strong.