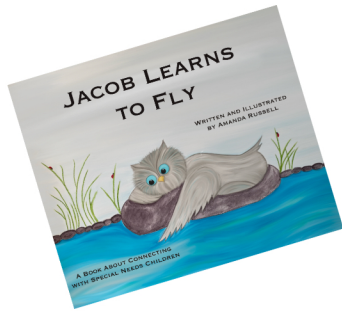


LET'S HELP KIDS LEARN ABOUT OUR SPECIAL NEEDS FRIENDS



Dear Parents,

Children's book Author and Illustrator, Amanda Russell, will be visiting our school to read her book, *Jacob Learns to Fly* on Monday October 30, 2023. Amanda's 9 year old son has severe autism. Her book is based on her children and encourages the reader to engage with their special needs friends.

The story introduces the Art of Joining as a way to connect through play. In this book, Jacob is a very special owlet. He has special needs and requires unique approaches in learning how to live. He has no interest in flying. He is content with just watching the water gently flow by in the stream under his nest. His sister Geneva finds a way to use his love of water to teach him how to fly. This book is great for siblings and peers of special needs friends. It is meant to help them understand that learning can be quite the struggle for some of our friends. It also encourages them to find unique ways to engage with their special friends.

You can read more about Amanda and her family's journey on her website: www.KaringKritters.com.

Teachers and parents highly endorse her book -

"As an early childhood teacher, I'm always in search of books that aid as teaching tools for inclusion, empathy and kindness, in an engaging, organic way. So, I'm beyond grateful to have *Jacob Learns to Fly* in our little library. Special Needs Acceptance fosters positive connections for everyone and seeing the benefit that has already come from having this book in our classroom, has been beautiful."

Teacher, Sarah K. (Simsbury, CT)

"*Jacob Learns to Fly* is a lovely story that breaks down the questions on how we can help children better understand how to interact with those with special needs. The message this brings to children is wonderfully written in a story to convey how different life may be for their peers, friends, or even family. You don't need to know someone with special needs to benefit from the lesson..."

Homeschooling Mom, Andrea B. (Andover, CT)

Jacob Learns to Fly is available for pre-sale to your child before the event. Visit the website by scanning the QR code below or by going to www.KaringKritters.com, select "LOCAL PICKUP" at checkout and enter your child's name and school in the "ORDER NOTES" section. Amanda will autograph each copy that is ordered by October 27, 2023, and your child will receive it on the day of the reading.

If your child would like to purchase a book on the day of the event, send in this order form with cash (\$12.75) or check made payable to: Karing Kritters, LLC for \$12.75.

Student Name: _____

Home room: _____

Autograph books to (please print): _____

