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Ask yourself, “If I couldn’t walk, would I be able to go horseback riding?” “Could I go swimming with my friends?” “Could I play basketball?” “If I only had one leg could I go skiing?” “Go out for track?” “If I didn’t have arms, could I do schoolwork?”

Now watch the video, ***Kids Just Want to Have Fun***. Listen to the voices of children at play. What did you discover? Childhood is a time of fun, friendships, exploration, and learning. Close your eyes. It is impossible to tell which children have special needs. First and foremost, they are children, and as the experts in this video tell us, “kids just want to have fun.” Regardless of their disabilities, children *can* build friendships, swim, ski, and participate in a wide variety of activities.

Children enter the world with their personal “backpacks” — each one filled with a unique quantity and quality of tools which they will use to live, learn, and grow. No two are alike. Yet they all have the right to be the best they can be, to be happy, appreciated for their individuality, and loved. They all have the right to share fully in what the world has to offer — to have fun. And they can!



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Unfortunately, access in schools and communities isn't always easy for children with physical and mental challenges. Success requires planning, cooperation, and and creative efforts on the part of all stakeholders.

PALS is an activity guide for use with the ***Kids Just Want to Have Fun*** video. The focus is on children first, and is meant to be a launching pad for a comprehensive, successful, supported education* program for children with special needs.

PALS is an acronym, highlighting the key elements of **Preparation, Attitude, Learning,** and **Success**. Remember, no one is expected to plan and implement supported education alone. It takes everyone in the home, school, and community-at-large to ensure success.

Like every great journey, it begins with your first steps.

*Program where modifications and accommodations are made so that all children can be successful in the regular classroom.



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