

We have two leadership classes and both are BIG BROTHER/SISTERS to our special ed classrooms. One class is severe and the other is a self contained class – altogether about 30 kids. My leadership kids have become a bro/sis with one and we do monthly activities with them. Recently we did a walk and talk around the track, this week we make hot chocolate then make posters called MY PERFECT DAY inside our room. My leadership kids help the SP.ED kids cut out pictures from magazines and glue down on their colorful paper. All the while they are chatting up a storm and getting to know one another. I have had reports that my leadership kids even invite their little buddies to play basketball at lunch or to dance!

We also invite a few SP ED kids to be guest DJ's at our music at lunch activities. We include them in our rallies as well by making them cheery sign holders with the rest of the ASB kids. This program has totally taken off in the most amazing ways! It totally warms my heart! The leadership kids feel so privileged to be in their small circle of friends.

One more cool thing we do at BVMS is our daily TV broadcast does a “Sign of the week” since we also have DHH kids on campus. We are all learning to sign!!!!