

Book Discussion

A Slant of Sun by Beth Kephart

1. Share the excerpt that you brought to class: a passage that you found interesting and explain what it means to you.
2. How did Jeremy's participation in his preschool and kindergarten class impact him, his family, and the other children in his classroom?
3. Beth frequently reflects on and evaluates her own parenting. How does her self-doubt compare to the anxieties of other parents?
4. Despite the fact that Jeremy has unique qualities, how are his experiences of fitting in with his family, his schools, and his neighborhood shared by all children?
5. Based on Jeremy's school experience, what were the qualities of the teachers who were able to effectively work with him and support his learning?
6. How can our communities better prepare new parents for the parenting challenges that they will face?