

**Spruce Park Elementary School
Goose Bay
presents**

“Multiculturalism”

Cast

**Ms. Samson Carley Spencer
Jessica Stephanie Best
Gracie Sarah Caines
Zack Ryan Harnum
Susan Candice Price
Amanda Colleen MacDonald**

Poetry Readers

Rest of class will sing and dance.

Rest of class

Christal Anderson	Courtney Mitchelmore
Christopher Attwood	Alex Mueller
Gillian Best	Emily Osmond
Stephanie Best	Candice Price
Geoffrey Boutilier	Stephanie Pye
Justin Burden	Travis Quinn
Sarah Caines	Amie Roberts
Stephanie Dove	Andrew Ryan
Curtis Handley	Samantha Ryan
Ryan Harnum	Carley Spencer
Jason Lane	Tyler Totten
Caitlin Lyall	Bradley White
Colleen Macdonald	Isaac Woodward
Andrew Mitchelmore	Gillian Woodward

Teacher Advisor

Mary Piercey

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Scene 1 : The students are sitting at their desks in the classroom. The teacher is teaching a math lesson. Gracie, the new student, walks into the classroom)

Ms. Samson: One ten is

All: Ten.

Ms. Samson: Two tens are.....

All: Twenty.

Ms. Samson: Three tens are.....

All: Thirty. *(There is a knock at the door. Jessica gets up to answer it.)*

Jessica: It's a new girl. She is going to be in our class.

Ms. Samson: Please come in and tell us your name. *(gracie walks to the front of the classroom)*

Gracie: Hi. My name is Gracie Pool.

Ms. Samson: Well, hello to you too, Gracie and welcome to our grade 3 class. We are very glad that you have come to join us. Where are you from?

Gracie: I am from Fortune, a small town in Newfoundland.

Ms. Samson: Oh, I know Fortune. It is on the Burin Peninsula, right?

Gracie: Yes, that's right. That is where I lived before I moved here to Happy Valley-Goose Bay.

Ms. Samson: Well class. Let's welcome Gracie to our class.

All: Welcome. Gracie.

Ms. Samson: Have a seat right here. Here is your math book. Class, do you have any questions for Gracie?

Zack: How old are you?

Susan: Do you have any brothers or sisters?

Amanda: Why did you move here?

Ms. Samson: One at a time please, students.

Gracie: It's OK Ms. Samson. I heard all the questions. I am 8 years old. I have one brother in grade 1. And I moved here because my dad got a new job. This is the first time I have ever been in Happy Valley-Goose Bay.

Ms. Samson; Do you have any questions for us, Gracie?

Gracie: Yes! What are your names?

Amanda: Hi, I'm Amanda.

Zack: And my name is Zack.

Susan: My name is Susan but you can call me Sue if you like.

Jessica: And I am Jessica. We can be best friends.

Ms. Samson: Well class. Since this is Gracie's first time to Happy Valley- Goose Bay, perhaps we should tell her a little about the town. Jessica, why don't you begin.

Jessica: OK Well, Gracie, our town is a multicultural town. That means there are many different kinds of people living here with many different cultures.

Gracie: What does culture mean?

Jessica: Culture is the way a group of people live. It includes their race, language, religion, food, clothing, art and music.

Gracie: Oh. And multiculturalism means that there are many different cultures living here in Happy Valley- Goose Bay?

Jessica: that's right!

Gracie; Well ,what are the different cultures?

Jessica: Let's start with the Native culture.

- Gracie:** What does Native mean?
- Jessica:** Native, or aboriginal means the first people to ever live here. The first people to live in Happy Valley-Goose Bay are the Innu and the Inuit peoples. They have their own language called Inuktitut. Amanda knows how to count from one to ten in Inuktitut. Do it Amanda. *(Amanda counts from one to ten in Inuktitut)* The primary choir at the school knows a traditional Inuit song. Perhaps they could sing it for us. *(Primary choir comes on stage and sings song)*
- Gracie:** Well, what other cultures live here in Happy Valley-Goose Bay?
- Zack:** Well, Gracie, many years ago European settlers came here to live. With them they brought their own religion, language and traditions. Some of the Europeans who came here were British, Irish, Scottish and even some French. Years ago, the clash of cultures brought a lot of hostility among the people but today, we all try to live in harmony regardless of our differences. If we go back in time, we might see some of the European settlers carrying on one of their traditions. Perhaps we might see some traditional Irish dancing. *(The children come on stage and do a traditional Irish dance)*
- Susan:** Then, with the establishment of the base in 1941, we saw a whole new influx of people. People from all over the world who also brought their culture to Happy Valley-Goose Bay to enrich our already diverse one. The military has brought in German people. Ms. Samson, don't you know how to count to ten in German?
- Ms. Samson:** Yea. It goes like this. *(She counts to ten in German)*
- Susan:** The military has also brought in French people. I can count to ten in French. *(She counts)*
- Gracie:** So how do all these cultures live together, if they are so different? Where I come from almost everyone is the same.
- Ms. Samson:** Well Gracie, we live together in harmony. WE try to get along. Each culture learns from the other and thus the people become more aware and more knowledgeable of each other. We are very lucky to be able to learn from each other. The more you know about other people and other cultures the more you know about the world and how people interact with each other.

Zack: That's right. By knowing about other cultures we can help to stop racism.

Gracie: What is racism?

Amanda: Racism is when people hate other people just because of their skin colour, language , religion or gender.

Gracie: That's awful!

Zack: Exactly! By knowing about other cultures, we know that you cannot judge a person by their skin colour or religion or other cultural factors. That is ridiculous. What counts is on the inside. There are bad and good people in all cultures and races. What is on the inside is what counts.

Gracie: So it's almost like " You can't judge a book by its cover."

Ms. Samson: That's right Gracie. You have to read the book to be able to tell what it is really like.. Class why don't we read some poems about what multiculturalism, culture, racism, harmony and equality mean to us. (*Class reads poems*)

Gracie: So Happy Valley-Goose Bay is a multicultural society where many different cultures live together in harmony. What a fantastic place! I am glad I moved here. (*Class sings "One Light, One Sun"*)