Good morning! It's Katie Chan from 731 and I'm here this Thoughtful Thursday on behalf of the S.E.A.L Team.

Did you know this month is Autism Awareness and Acceptance Month! Throughout April, we should come together to learn more about autism and how we can create a more inclusive environment for everyone in our school. Autism is a condition where people's brains work in unique ways. Some people with autism might be good at focusing on things they love, like drawing or math, but they might find it harder to understand social cues or make friends. Autism is a unique way of experiencing the world, and understanding and accepting those differences is key in fostering a supportive and inclusive atmosphere. Just like everyone else, they deserve kindness, understanding, and a chance to shine in their own way.

As Albert Einstein once said, "Everybody is a genius. But if you judge a fish by its ability to climb a tree, it will live its whole life believing that it is stupid." Let's remember these wise words as we embrace the wonderful diversity within our school and spread awareness and acceptance everywhere we go.

Thanks for listening and have a Thriving Together Thursday 😊

## SEAL Team pledge:

We are the Dyker S.E.A.L. Team

Positivity is our dream

We teach it every day

To help others live the optimistic way

We learn to control our emotions and feelings

So, we always have effective social dealings

No stone left unturned; no person left behind

Every member of our team has the power to be kind

We spread kindness to our friends, families, and those who need a smile

When facing hardships and adversity, the S.E.A.L. Team goes the extra mile

