

## QUOTATIONS

**"It starts with a word, an obscene gesture. It escalates to a push and a shove,; perhaps even a snub. We label it prejudice, say nothing do nothing. It ends in genocide, caused by fear and fed by ignorance. Then mourn its innocent victims."**

**"Dear Teacher:**

**I am a survivor of a concentration camp. My eyes saw what no man should witness:  
Gas chambers built by LEARNED engineers  
Children poisoned by EDUCATED physicians  
Infants killed by TRAINED nurses  
Women and babies shot and burned by HIGH SCHOOL and COLLEGE graduates.  
So I am suspicious of education.  
My request is: Help your students become human. Your efforts must never produce learned monsters, skilled psychopaths, educated Eichmanns.  
Reading, writing, and arithmetic are important only if they serve to make our children more humane."**

**Haim Ginott - Teacher and Child**

**"The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing."**

**Edmund Burke**

**"If I am not for myself, who will be for me? And if I am for myself alone, who am I?"**

**Hillel**

## Reading #1

### Unit 2

#### OUR HUMAN RIGHTS

I have a right to be happy and to be  
treated with compassion in this room:

This means that no one  
will laugh at me or  
hurt my feelings.

I have a right to be myself in this room:

This means that no one will  
treat me unfairly because  
of my skin color,  
fat or thin,  
tall or short,  
boy or girl,  
or by the way I look.

I have a right to be safe in this room:

This means that no one will  
hit me,  
kick me,  
push me,  
pinch me,  
or hurt me.

I have a right to hear and be heard in this room:

This means that no one will  
yell,  
scream,  
shout,  
or make loud noises.

I have a right to learn about myself in this room:

This means that I will be  
free to express my feelings  
and opinions without being  
interrupted or punished.

I have a right to learn according to my own ability:

This means no one will call  
me names because of the way I learn.

Source: Cummings, M. (1974). *Individual Differences,  
An Experience in Human Relations for Children*.  
Madison, Wisconsin: Madison Public Schools.)