

## **Early in Year - School Projects**

Thank you for making your classroom a safe place for all children. I wanted to make you aware of a few things: \_\_\_ has been in our family for \_\_\_ months/years. While adoption is only a part of her story, we recognize the losses she had to go through to be in our family & are sensitive to how those losses affect her now.

Well-meaning projects like family trees, genetics, country of origin, autobiographies, & baby picture projects about early life experiences can bring up big emotions for adoptees (& other children from hard places).

If you have any projects, books or other related materials, would you please let me know when you will begin discussing them in class? I would love to talk with you how we can make the project fit \_\_\_'s needs so that she doesn't feel isolated or embarrassed. I'm sure \_\_\_ is not your first student to have to adapt projects & appreciate your willingness to work together to ensure her success this year.

Thank you,