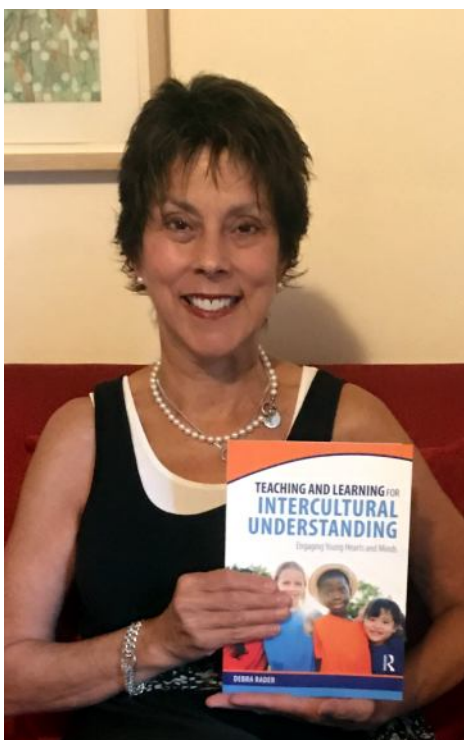


A Beautiful Collaboration



The teachers, children, and families at the *Scuola Primaria "Matteo Civitali" di Monte San Quirico* and I have collaborated on a project to thank the healthcare workers who are working so hard to take care of us during the coronavirus pandemic. At home during quarantine, the children drew pictures and wrote messages of gratitude and encouragement to the doctors, nurses, volunteers, and hospital staff at our local San Luca Hospital.

This is a beautiful gesture to honour the healthcare workers, who are truly our superheroes. The children's drawings and messages are moving and come from heart. They are displayed on an app called Padlet, which was sent directly to the hospital. Please have a look: <https://debrarader.com/a-beautiful-collaboration/> We hope you enjoy them, too.

This YouTube video was produced by San Luca Hospital as part of their press release: <https://youtu.be/dYvKFq3qbC0>

La Scuola Primaria "Matteo Civitali" di Monte San Quirico, in the Istituto Comprensivo Lucca 4, is a local primary school in Lucca that serves a diverse population. I have collaborated with teachers at the school for the past several years and included their school play, *C'è una bella differenza / What a beautiful difference* in my book, *Teaching and Learning for Intercultural Understanding: Engaging Young Hearts and Minds* (Routledge 2018), as an exemplary school-wide collaborative project that helped the children learn that all of our lives are enriched by diversity and differences.

Our joyful collaboration continues.

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