

EMBRACING OUR DIVERSE WORLD

A Book List

WHAT & WHY

Young children notice differences around them, and their parents and educators can help them understand and make meaning of these differences. Representation matters, and can serve as a springboard into conversation-- seeing themselves, seeing others in their communities, and seeing people that they don't daily com in contact with can open up opportunities to discuss our wonderfully diverse world.

INFANTS AND TODDLERS

In these ages, children are already noticing differences and already prefer people who are similar to themselves. It is important to have images that represent a wide range of humanity, and as the children become verbal, simply appreciating the characteristics of people in the books begins to build a positive awareness of self and others.

Everywhere Babies

by Susan Meyers and Marla Frazee

Every infant and young toddler should be exposed to beautiful images of happy babies of all hues, and this joyful board book fits that to the tee!

Mama, Mommy & Me and Daddy, Papa & Me

by Lesléa Newman

These two simple books sweetly depict a day in the life of a toddler with parents of the same gender.

Clive and His Babies

by Jessica Spanyol

Clive and his buddies love their dolls and do all kinds of things with them. Opportunities to talk about boys being nurturing.

PRESCHOOL AND KINDERGARTENERS

As children's world expands, so do their questions. Books for these ages should build on positive self-identity and appreciation of difference. These children are able to engage in discussions of fairness, injustice, and empowerment.

We Are Water Protectors

by Carole Lindstrom and Michaela Goade

This beautiful book is inspired by the many Indigenous-led movements to protect our precious earth.

All Because You Matter

by Tami Charles and Bryan Collier

Countering bias with uplifting words and illustrations, this book celebrates Black and brown children everywhere.

Sometimes People March

by Tessa Allen

As young children notice injustice, they need to know what concrete actions they can take to counter it. This simple book connects them to the powerful movements throughout history.