

Parent Resources for Talking With Our Children about Racism

The following resource guide was compiled by your Marion County Public School Superintendents, and is intended to provide valuable resources and information that will help you have conversations with our children about race and racism.

“Talk to Kids about Race” by Heather Greenwood Davis, National Geographic

“Don't Say Nothing,” Teaching Tolerance

“White Privilege: Unpacking the Invisible Knapsack,” Peggy McIntosh

NPR Podcast, “Talking Race with Young Children”

Beverly Daniel Tatum TEDx talk, “Is My Skin Brown Because I Drank Chocolate Milk?”

Anti-Defamation League, “Discussing Hate and Violence with Children”

“Talking to Children about Racial Bias,” by HealthyChildren.org

Additional Resources for Talking to Kids About Race and Racism

- “Something Happened in Our Town: A Child’s Story About Racial Injustice,” by Marinne Celano, Marietta Collins and Ann Hazzard
- “Racism and Intolerance,” by Louise Spilsbury and Hanane Kai
- “Not My Idea: A Book About Whiteness (Ordinary Terrible Things),” by Anastasia Higginbotham
- “How to be an Antiracist,” by Ibram X. Kendi

Upper Elementary

- “Some Places More Than Others,” by Renee Watson
- “The Parker Inheritance,” Varian Johnson
- “Season of Styx Malone,” by Kekla Magoon

Middle School

- “Woke: A Young Poet’s Call to Justice,” by Mahogany L. Browne with Elizabeth Acevedo and Olivia Gatwood
- “A Good Kind of Trouble,” by Lisa Moore Ramee
- “The Stars Beneath our Feet,” by David Barclay Moore

High School

- “Children of Blood and Bone,” by Tomi Adeyem
- “Black Enough: Stories of Being Young and Black in America,” edited by Ibi Zoboi
- “Stamped: Racism, Antiracism and You,” by Jason Reynolds and Ibram X. Kendi



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