

Race Talk in the Early Childhood Classroom

The ECEA believes that conversations about race and racism and teaching racial histories can and must happen with our youngest children if they are to grow into adults who will create more equitable tomorrows. We know that young children *can* and *do* talk about race; they are victims of racism and/or they absorb (learn about) and reappropriate it in many aspects of their lives without realizing it. Through conversations in early childhood, we can lay an important foundation for the adults they will become, adults who will either recognize racism and know how to interrupt and dismantle it, or not. The first set of resources at this link focus on *why it is important to talk about race* in EC classrooms. The second set of resources focus on *how to talk about race in EC classrooms*. In support of using these resources, we encourage educators to also access several other links on this website: “*Conversations about Race for Adults*,” and “*Understanding Bias*.”

WHY DO WE NEED RACE TALK IN EC CLASSROOMS?

Why we must teach about race and racism:

http://mobile.edweek.org/c.jsp;jsessionid=FF31D000FC724113C570DBB16B93F5A5.rocco?utm_medium=rss&rssid=25919961&utm_source=fb&utm_campaign=mrss&item=http%3a%2f%2fapi.edweek.org%2fv1%2few%2f%3fuuid%3d786CF9B8-9226-11E5-8E56-71C9B3743667&cid=25919971&bcid=25919971&intc=mob-topnav

Racial bias in schools:

<http://wgnradio.com/2015/10/01/how-does-racial-inequality-thrive-in-good-schools/>

Racial bias in classrooms:

- <http://www.raceconscious.org/2016/01/1148/>
- <http://www.psmag.com/health-and-behavior/racism-in-the-kindergarten-classroom>
- <http://www.raceconscious.org/2015/10/confronting-white-bias-bringing-my-research-to-my-parenting/>

Examining classroom bias:

<http://www.takepart.com/article/2015/05/29/school-house-shock-bias-against-blacks-starts-classroom?cmpid=wfs-fb>

Myth of the absent Black father:

<http://thinkprogress.org/health/2014/01/16/3175831/myth-absent-black-father/>

White teachers and Black children:

http://www.theroot.com/articles/culture/2014/11/racial_competency_in_the_classroom_can_white_teachers_be_taught_how_to_teach.html

Ways that well-meaning teachers can bring racism into schools:

<http://everydayfeminism.com/2015/08/10-ways-well-meaning-white-teachers-bring-racism-into-our-schools/>

Reasons why we are not yet addressing race well in schools:

<http://everydayfeminism.com/2015/04/public-schools-racism/>

Why we don't need a White history month:

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/why-we-dont-need-a-white-history-month_us_56a79202e4b01a3ed123d62f

Racial stereotypes and teaching/Examining self as teacher:

- <http://www.washingtonpost.com/posteverything/wp/2015/04/10/racism-in-schools-is-pushing-more-black-families-to-homeschool-their-children/?postshare=2471428878181466>
- <http://www.newrepublic.com/article/117775/brown-v-board-60-years-later-racial-divide-students-teachers>

Demographics in the teaching population:

- <http://www.edweek.org/tm/articles/2015/04/28/why-are-all-the-teachers-white.html?cmp=ENL-EU-NEWS2>
- <http://www.nytimes.com/2015/04/12/sunday-review/where-are-the-teachers-of-color.html>
- <http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/answer-sheet/wp/2015/05/21/why-we-should-diversify-the-overwhelming-white-u-s-teaching-force-and-how/?postshare=6301432486766038>

History, Race, and Schooling:

- <http://atlantablackstar.com/2014/10/16/this-video-captures-the-disturbing-truth-about-the-history-of-the-american-education-system/>
- Understanding Brown vs Board of Education:
http://www.pbs.org/wnet/supremecourt/rights/landmark_brown.html
- Lowcountry digital history initiative: First children in school desegregation
http://ldhi.library.cofc.edu/exhibits/show/somebody_had_to_do_it
- The resegregation of America's schools:
<http://www.propublica.org/article/segregation-now-the-resegregation-of-americas-schools#intro>

Our youngest children experience racial bias and profiling all the time:

- **Children's racialized memories:**
 - <http://mybrownbaby.com/2015/03/black-students-in-all-white-schools-these-kids-experience-will-break-your-heart-video/>
 - <http://www.forharriet.com/2015/01/confessions-from-only-black-girl-in.html#axzz3bAaBjwPy>
- **Children talking about racism in their lives:**
<https://www.facebook.com/Upworthy/videos/1089512827756241/?fref=nf>
- **Jacqueline Woodson: Brown Girl Dreaming:**
<http://newblackman.blogspot.com/2014/12/author-jacqueline-woodson-on-growing-up.html>
- **Lisa Delpit talking about her book, *Multiplication is for White People*:**
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZncKaP9ar70>

- **Black children in kindergarten experiencing racial bias:**
http://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/black-kids-threatening_us_56b97d5ae4b01d80b247a194
- **Effects of racism that begins in early childhood lasts a lifetime:**
<https://www.jbhe.com/2015/09/stress-from-discrimination-can-affect-black-teens-for-the-rest-of-their-lives/>
- **A Conversation about Growing up Black:**
<http://www.nytimes.com/video/opinion/100000003670178/a-conversation-about-growing-up-black.html?smid=fb-share>
- **Conversation with my Black Son**
<https://vimeo.com/122437159>
- **Poetry Slam: The realities of young children of color learning about racism and profiling to protect them:**
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u9Wf8y_5Yn4
- **Over-referral of children of Color to special education:**
 - http://blogs.edweek.org/edweek/speced/2016/03/racial_bias_in_special_education_disproportionality.html?cmp=SOC-SHR-TW
 - http://blogs.edweek.org/edweek/speced/2016/02/racial_bias_special_education_standard.html
 - <http://atlantablackstar.com/2015/03/11/6-reasons-black-boys-without-disability-wind-up-in-special-education/>
 - http://diverseeducation.com/article/76088/?utm_campaign=Diverse+Newsletter+3&utm_medium=email&utm_source=Eloqua&elq=234ca2bb1ce44d279cdd766e1fcfb44&elqCampaignId=415&elqaid=88&elqat=1&elqTrackId=960faec7a83043d7b4013c44d7abfb3e
- **Racial bias and Talented and Gifted programs:**
<http://financialjunteenth.com/heres-what-white-teachers-tend-to-do-with-gifted-black-students-its-appalling/>
- **Racial bias and discipline:**
 - <http://www.jbhe.com/2015/06/study-finds-school-districts-are-not-doing-enough-to-end-racial-disparities-in-discipline/>
 - http://www.seattletimes.com/education-lab/race-dramatically-skews-discipline-even-in-elementary-school/?utm_source=facebook&utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=article_1_eft
 - <http://empathyeducates.org/black-preschoolers-more-likely-to-face-suspension/>
 - <http://kirwaninstitute.osu.edu/racial-disproportionality-in-school-discipline-implicit-bias-is-heavily-implicated/>
 - <http://atlantablackstar.com/2015/04/16/stanford-researchers-unveil-racial-stereotypes-that-lead-teachers-to-discipline-black-students-more-severely/>

- <https://www.washingtonpost.com/posteverything/wp/2014/07/24/my-son-has-been-suspended-five-times-hes-3/>
- http://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/racial-disparities-american-schools_55b67572e4b0074ba5a576c1
- **Racial bias and Black male students:**
 - <http://crackingthecodes.org/all-films/>
 - <http://www.takepart.com/article/2014/10/10/americas-teachers-still-dont-think-black-latino-kids-are-smart>
 - <http://learninglab.wbur.org/2015/04/07/report-boston-lacks-cultural-competence-teaching-black-latino-males/>
 - <http://www.colorlines.com/articles/experiment-shows-teachers-view-deshawns-more-harshly-gregs>
 - <http://atlantablackstar.com/2015/05/12/these-young-black-boys-describe-the-emotional-stress-they-go-through-everyday-growing-up-in-america/>
 - <http://neatoday.org/2015/02/04/empowered-educators-kept-crystal-lauras-brother-prison/>
 - <https://www.facebook.com/1564533323827471/videos/1633441816936621/>
- **Avoiding race talk with children perpetuates colorblindness:** <http://nymag.com/scienceofus/2015/08/when-minority-kids-are-taught-color-blindness.html>
- **Black parents are choosing to home school (realities for teachers to understand):** <http://www.theblackhomeschool.com/>
- **Mispronouncing/degrading students' names, a racial microaggression:**
 - <http://everydayfeminism.com/2015/09/white-people-black-names/>
 - <http://uptownmagazine.com/2013/02/the-oscars-quvenzane-the-c-word/>
 - <http://empathyeducates.org/Journeys-to-and-through/to-all-the-little-black-girls-with-big-names-dedicated-to-quvenzane-wallis/>
- **Young children already discriminating: Black doll/White doll:**
 - <http://video.pbs.org/video/2365422025/>
 - <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YWY177Yh1Gg>
 - <https://www.facebook.com/AspireTV/videos/1093460067347669/?fref=nf>
 - <http://blackyouthproject.com/i-didnt-laugh-at-the-video-of-white-girls-getting-black-dolls/?platform=hootsuite>
- **A Girl Like Me (Black Doll, White Doll): Young children learning racism:** https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z0BxFRu_SOw
- **CNN: Children on Race (Anderson Cooper):**
 - http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wYkUMqxr_o8
 - <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=opULrjQv0Kg>
 - <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5m-xhE2MAY8>
 - <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=REZ9NDrpSqE>
 - <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8m-SF24eS1A>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lENJzjpWznU>
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P_X-cm6Iqyg
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ANoNZBe5J4s>
http://i2.cdn.turner.com/cnn/2010/images/05/13/expanded_results_methods_cnn.pdf

TALKING TO CHILDREN ABOUT RACE

How to talk about race with children:

- <http://mashable.com/2016/02/18/how-to-talk-about-race-kids/#.IVjFsJTRZq1>
- <http://everydayfeminism.com/2014/08/talk-to-kids-about-race/>
- <http://education.jhu.edu/PD/newhorizons/strategies/topics/multicultural-education/allowing-race-in-the-classroom/>
- <http://www.nea.org/home/14439.htm>
- <http://muthamagazine.com/2015/07/aya-de-leon-on-how-to-talk-to-small-children-about-racism-celebrating-bree-newsome/>
- <http://lifehacker.com/how-to-talk-about-race-with-your-kids-1681298311>
- http://www.civilrights.org/publications/reports/talking_to_our_children/
- <http://creativewithkids.com/resources-for-talking-to-kids-about-race-and-racism/>

Talking race in school, an action kit:

<http://www.creatingdemocracy.org/parenting-for-c/talkingraceatschool>

What White children need to know about race: <http://www.nais.org/Magazines-Newsletters/ISMagazine/Pages/What-White-Children-Need-to-Know-About-Race.aspx>

Using children's books to talk about race:

- http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2015/06/09/gordon-parks-childrens-book_n_7522632.html
- <http://coolemopicks.com/blog/2015/07/07/12-childrens-book-help-talk-to-kids-about-prejudice/>

Zinn resources for teachers:

<http://zinnedproject.org/teaching-materials/?themes=racism-racial-identity>

Teaching young children about racism:

http://www.teachingforchange.org/teaching-about-race?utm_source=PUBS++July+Email++%28July+2015%29&utm_campaign=Teaching+Young+Children+about+Race&utm_medium=email

Race Matters in the Classroom Blog (forum for conversations about race and teaching)

http://wabashcenter.typepad.com/antiracism_pedagogy/

Teaching about race: American Anthropological Society teacher resources:

<http://www.aaanet.org/resources/teachers/>

Important concepts to teach:

<http://www.blackgirldangerous.org/2015/07/4-things-you-should-teach-your-kids-about-racism-right-now/>

Raising race conscious children:

<http://www.raceconscious.org/>

What White children need to know about race:

http://www.nais.org/Magazines-Newsletters/ISMagazine/Pages/What-White-Children-Need-to-Know-About-Race.aspx?utm_source=fb&utm_medium=ad&utm_campaign=mag

A teacher's role in fighting racism:

<http://www.edweek.org/tm/articles/2015/04/29/a-teachers-role-in-fighting-racism.html#>

Helping students think critically:

- <http://www.edutopia.org/blog/teachable-moments-academic-rigor-mini-unit-travis-bristol>
- <http://www.colorlines.com/articles/free-toolkit-white-moms-trying-raise-concious-kids>
- <http://www.tolerance.org/lesson/looking-race-and-racial-identity-through-critical-literacy-c>
- **Can racism be stopped in third grade?:** http://nymag.com/scienceofus/2015/05/can-fieldston-un-teach-racism.html?mid=fb-share-scienceofus%20%20bout_race_on_social.2.html
- **Teaching social justice:** <http://www.edutopia.org/blog/teachable-moments-academic-rigor-mini-unit-travis-bristol>

Teaching #BlackLivesMatter

<http://empathyeducates.org/teaching-black-lives-matter/>

http://www.rethinkingschools.org/archive/29_03/edit293.shtml

Educators responding to the June 17 2015 Charleston Murders:

<https://medium.com/bright/how-educators-can-respond-to-charleston-366bce1b1d61>

The Calhoun School Deconstructing Race project (funded by Kellogg):

<http://www.calhoun.org/dr>

Parent/teacher/community online community to engage in race talk with children in nurturing ways: <http://www.embracerace.org>