

Wondering About ...

Multicultural Books

We value cultural, linguistic, and ability diversity in our inclusive early childhood community and we hope that our children adopt the same attitudes. The books you choose to share with your children can be a great tool to help instill attitudes towards social equity at home. You can also use books to foster positive attitudes toward your family's heritage and development of your home language.

Heartland Equity and Inclusion Project (HEIP)

www.heartland.edu/heip

The Heartland Equity and Inclusion Project is designed to ensure early childhood professionals have the knowledge and skills required to support the diverse development and learning needs of young children and their families in high-quality, inclusive classroom communities. These resource pages provide a tool for teachers to use to support families faced with questions about early childhood.

Recommended Multicultural & Anti-bias Books for Children. A World of Difference Institute, Anti-Defamation League. (2011).

<http://www.adl.org/bibliography/>

This web resource discusses the impact that books have on children's self-image and of their perception of the world around them. The importance of providing children access to multicultural books is examined. An extensive searchable bibliography is provided for children's books that encompass various cultures, religious groups, customs, traditions, and family situations. Books addressing the topics of prejudice and discrimination are also included.

How to Choose the Best Multicultural Books. Scholastic.

<http://www.scholastic.com/teachers/article/how-choose-best-multicultural-books>

This site provides recommendations on how to select books as well as an extensive list, by culture, of excellent children's literature.

Books for Kids. Colorin Colorado.

<http://www.colorincolorado.org/read/forkids/>

These booklists for children include a wide range of cultures and languages. There are lists focusing on immigrant stories, multicultural stories, and holidays and festivals around the world. Using books such as these will instill an appreciation of cultural diversity within your child. The link entitled "[Books Recommended by Colorin Colorado](#)" focuses on Hispanic and Latin American children's authors. Some of the authors are also featured in the "Meet the Authors" section.

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