

Dear WES Parents/Guardians:

I've compiled some resources you may find helpful to start conversations should you want to about race, racism, protesting, and the Black Lives Matter Movement.

*Please note that these are **just suggestions** and are meant to be supportive of you and your family. Please let me know if you feel like any of these resources do not serve you or your families' needs AND/OR if you have other resources that you think are useful/helpful to those that are starting to have these conversations with their kids.*

1. Elmo video clip on racism/protests- Elmo's dad helps to explain what racism is, why people are protesting, and what protesting is used for in our country.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xBUFcv0y0yk>

Here is a link to the whole CNN/Sesame Street Town Hall about standing up to racism
<https://www.cnn.com/2020/06/06/app-news-section/cnn-sesame-street-race-town-hall-ap-p-june-6-2020-app/index.html>

2. Kid President videos on Youtube- Inspiring to not only kids, but adults as well.

Here's a couple of awesome ones that the kids love:

- The Story of Martin Luther King Jr.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4xXZhXTFWnE>

- Kid President Has a Dream!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pIUOdrWl-ts>

3. Epic's collection of books & videos that will help to start a conversation about race- You can sign up for a free 30-day account! :)

<https://www.getepic.com/collection/15583880/start-a-conversation-about-race>

4. Dr. Beverly Daniel Tatum's TedX Talk- This video helps to understand why it is important

to talk about race and not be color-blind or color-silent.

<https://tedx.stanford.edu/lineup/beverly-daniel-tatum>

5. Talking Race With Young Children NPR podcast-

<https://www.npr.org/2019/04/24/716700866/talking-race-with-young-children?fbclid=IwA%20R262i36JkNreR2lYg0pPPHDPL9u6iyHSVkMV2vrR3Ehdl-1oG-0ZlXKMrY>

6. Talking with Children About Racism, Police Brutality and Protests article- This article gives suggestions on how to have conversations with your child based on their

age/development. Note: It is written by a white psychologist and these suggestions are based on what she would say to her own children.

<https://www.ahaparenting.com/BlogRetrieve.aspx?PostID=641704&A=SearchResult&SearchID=11485001&ObjectID=641704&ObjectType=55>

7. Raising Race Conscious Children website- This website has lots of resources to support adults who are trying to talk about race with young children

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