Children's Literature & CRT

Making Meaningful Connections

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What To Expect In Our Time Together

- •The Norms
- •Self Regulate
- •CRT?
- Why **;**
- •CRT through literature
- Open Discussion



Creating a Safe Space For All

- Mute, unless you are speaking
- •Be present
- •Be honest
- •Be vulnerable
- Be willing to be disturbed
- Use the digital hand
- •Leave comments & questions in the chat



Culturally Responsive Teaching

Culturally responsive pedagogy is a student-centered approach to teaching in which the students' unique cultural strengths are identified and nurtured to promote student achievement and a sense of well-being about the student's cultural place in the world. Culturally responsive pedagogy is divided into three functional dimensions: the institutional dimension, **the personal dimension**, **and the instructional dimension**.



Personal & Instructional Dimensions

- Personal reality check
 - ►Implicit bias
 - ► Explicit bias
 - ► An awareness of the truth & your role
- Identify the students assets
 - ►Strengths/Interests
 - ► Funds of knowledge
 - ► Culture/cultural values/language
- •Create a safe environment
 - ► Social emotional development
 - ► Relational Trust



"Do the best you can until you know better. Then when you know better, do better."

Maya Angelou

Windows & Mirrors

The Mirror - a story that reflects your own culture and helps you build your identity

The Child - I see "me" in my environment. I matter!

- Discredits Stereotypes
- Personally Validating
- Academically Engaging

The Window - a resource that offers you a view into someone else's experience

The Child - I see you and your experiences. Your life matters, too!

• Understanding about the world outside of your view



















Encouraging Empathy

- •Segregated Schools- Connections can't be made
- •Lack of representation in Children's Books
- Empathy vs. Sympathy

Brene Brown on Empathy <u>vs</u> Sympathy

















Addressing Race in the Classroom



- •Children see color and so do we
- •It's okay to have DAP conversations around race
- •Avoidance creates confusion and uncertainty

Race Related Teaching Practices

- Developing Positive Racial Identity
- Building relationships across races
- •Stand up to racial injustices















The Importance of Nonfiction Books

- Expands vocabulary
- Aids ELL students in connecting images with new language
- •Offers solutions to real life problems
- •Teaches students about the world a





Open Discussion



Resources

Read About It & Research!!!!

https://diversebooks.org

https://nces.ed.gov

http://hereweeread.com

https://www.naeyc.org

https://www.theedadvocate.org



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