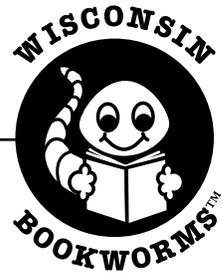


Activity Sheet



"Shades of People"

by Shelley Rotner

People come in lots of shades. Photographs and text inspire children to take notice.

Before you read this book: Cut up various shades of construction paper, magazine pictures, etc. and place in a container. Have the children sort all the shades of each color into piles.

After you read this book: With flesh tones of tempura paints, have each child mix colors to see how they blend. Have them make a handprint collage.

Play Elmo's "We are all the same, We are all different!" activity http://www.pbs.org/parents/sesame/activity_4265.html

1. Play a game to help children notice similarities and differences between themselves and others.
2. Ask questions to highlight the similarities and differences of the group
 - Everyone whose favorite game is I Spy stand on one foot.
 - Everyone who speaks more than one language jump up and down.
 - Everyone who likes to eat carrots wave your hands.
 - Everyone who has slept in a tent stand up.
 - Everyone who knows their ABCs, sing them now.
3. Discuss how people share similar interests and what fun it can be to enjoy the same things as friends and family. Also talk about how liking different things makes us unique.

Try this at home: Give children messages that contrast stereotypes — show men and women in nontraditional roles, people of color in leadership positions, active people with disabilities, and various families.

Additions resources:

"We're Different, We're the Same" (Sesame Street) by Bobbi Kates

"The Skin You Live In" by Michael Tyler and David Lee Csicsko

"This Is My Hair" by Todd Parr