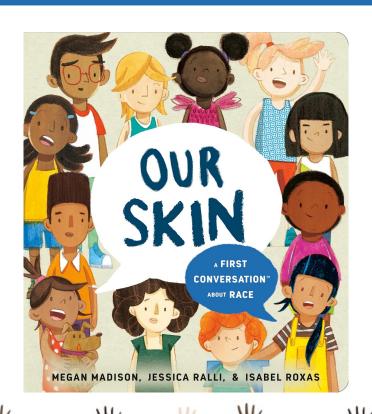
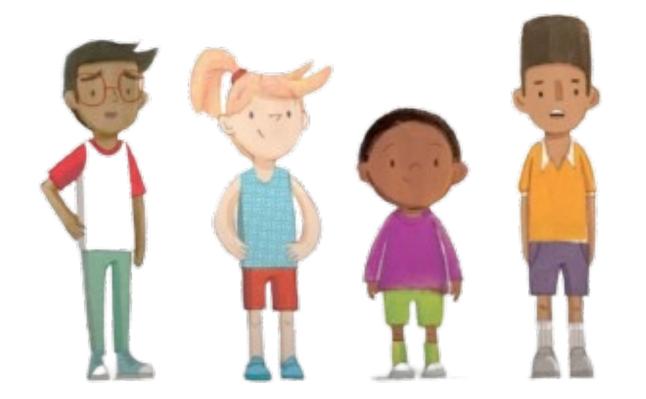
## Our story this week is about the importance of words and why we need to take care about what we say...





We all have skin.

It comes in different colors!



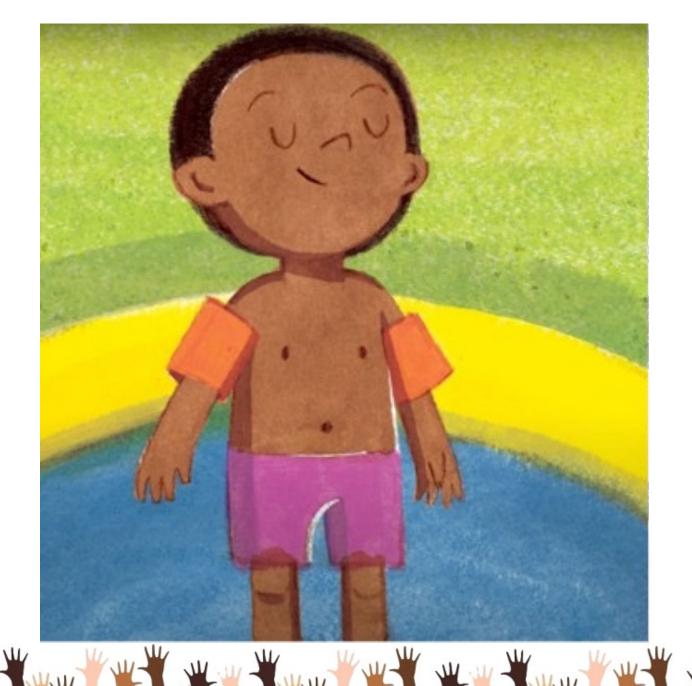


What color is your skin?

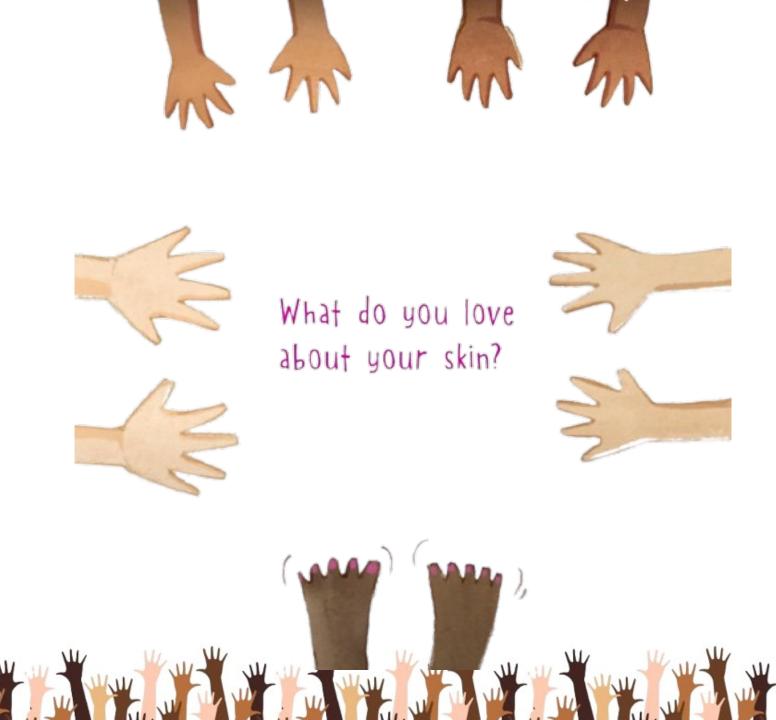


What about in your family?





Our skin is beautiful, strong, and important just the way it is!





The darker your skin, the more melanin you have.
The lighter your skin, the less melanin you have.
Melanin makes our skin many beautiful shades from dark to light.



What do you call your unique skin color?

Our world has so many different groups of people, so there are lots of words we use!

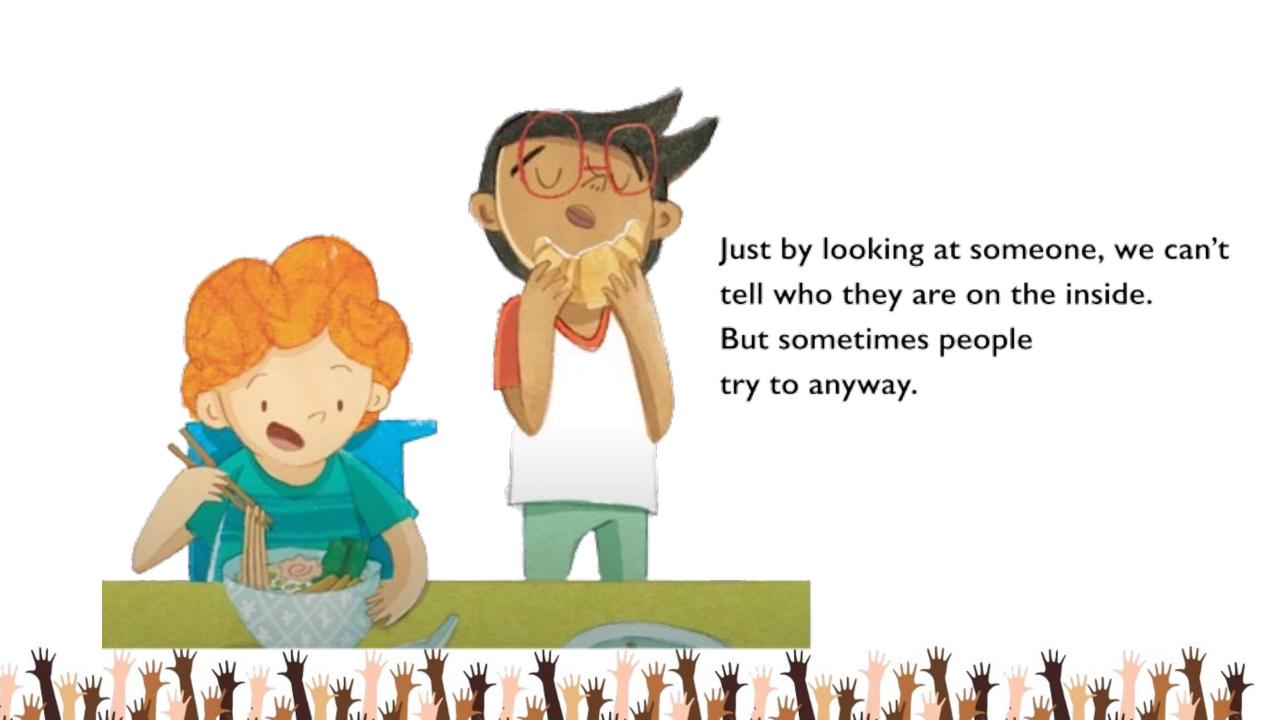
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What groups do you belong to?

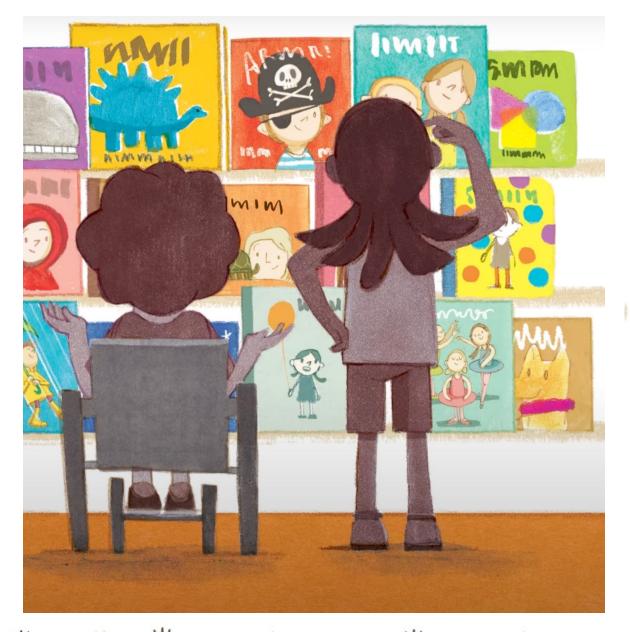
Skin color can't tell you much about what people are like, what they know, what foods they think are yummy, what their favorite books are, or even where they were born.











Racism can be a way we've done things for a long time, like how there aren't as many books written about people of color. Racism can be on purpose, like calling a person of color a mean name because of their skin color.





Racism hurts and is always unfair!

That's why it's important to talk about it and do our part to make things better.





All the time, even right now, people are working for racial justice, by telling the truth and sharing feelings. By treating people the way they want to be treated.

## By bravely saying,



By marching in protest, by singing songs that bring us together, by changing unfair rules, by teaching, helping, learning, and listening.

We can do it, too.







What would you say if you heard someone using racist language?



## School Reflection

This is our school,

Let peace dwell here,

Let the rooms be full of contentment.

Let love abide here, Love of one another, Love of mankind, Love of life itself.

Let us remember

That as many hands build a house,
So many hearts make a school
Help us to learn, play and share together.

We hope our school will be a place of great discovery, adventure and creativity.

May it be a place where we love to learn and where we learn to love,

A place where everyone is respected, and all are deeply valued.