

Black Lives Matter

The motto of the PTA is Every Child. One Voice.

I know I'm late in adding my voice to this conversation. It's been more than 2 weeks since George Floyd was killed by police officers, more than 3 months since Ahmaud Arbery was killed by two white men, more than 8 years Trayvon Martin was killed by a community watchman, and more than 400 years since the first slaves arrived in Virginia.

To the black and brown students and families in the JLES community, I want to say "You do more than matter. You make our school community a better place. We are looking out for you so you can achieve your highest potential." For the rest of us, here are some resources that can help us teach our children about racism. We can't be anti-racist without work. There are over 400 years of wrongs to right, but it's never too late to start.

Resources for white parents to raise anti-racist children:

Websites:

- www.embracerace.org
- www.zinnedproject.org

Book Lists:

- <https://www.nytimes.com/2020/06/02/parenting/kids-books-racism-protest.html>
- <https://www.todaysparent.com/family/books/kids-books-that-talk-about-racism/#gallery/books-that-talk-about-racism/slide-2>
- <https://www.common sense media.org/lists/coretta-scott-king-book-award-winners>

Podcasts:

- [Parenting Forward podcast episode 'Five Pandemic Parenting Lessons with Cindy Wang Brandt'](#)
- [Fare of the Free Child podcast](#)
- [Integrated Schools podcast episode "Raising White Kids with Jennifer Harvey"](#)

Articles:

- [PBS's Teaching Your Child About Black History Month](#)
- [Your Kids Aren't Too Young to Talk About Race: Resource Roundup from Pretty Good](#)

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*I found some of the book suggestions on the Hoopla app, which allows you to take out 10 books each month for free with a library card. On Hoopla, you can borrow some of the books as videos with slightly animated graphics and a narrator who reads the text, which was great for my boys, who are mentally done with school.