

Literacy Lifestyle:

Reading can help us understand issues that are happening in life. Sometimes it is easier to discuss hard topics such as race, gender and economic status through books.

Lifestyle Goal:

- To engage your child in inferring about individuals
- To help your child evaluate inferences
- To connect a story with difficult topics

Lifestyle Materials:

- paper
- sticky notes
- Art box*

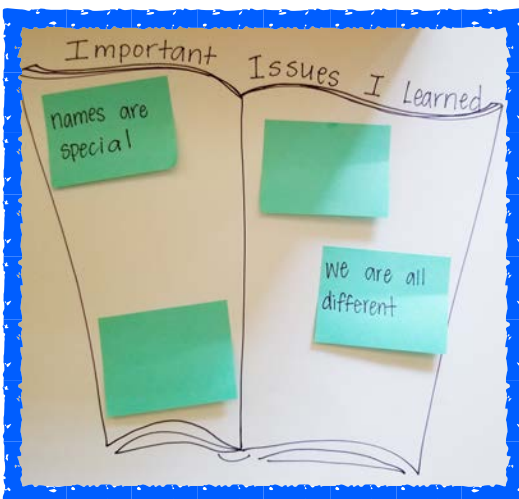
markers
crayons
water colors
pens
pencils
scissors
glue

Art Box

WHAT ARE YOU THINKING?

Living the Lifestyle:

- Find something old and that you might be preparing to throw in the trash.
- Ask your child what they think about the item? Set the item aside, to come back to after you read the story.
- Be proactive about addressing issues of race, gender and economic status with your child.
- Explain that you are going to read a book that will make us think about important topics.
- Read the book together asking questions about the issues and discussing important thoughts and details.
- Draw a picture of a blank book and add sticky notes to the book about everything you learned about important issues from reading the book.
- Go back to your original item, remind you child about what you previously discussed. Do they have any new thoughts about the item?



Book Recommendation:

If you are looking for a book to read with your child, *The Name Jar* by Yangsook Choi, tells the story of the importance of names and the uniqueness behind them. Appropriate for grades K-4

