

Book Options Grades 3-5

"The Day You Begin"

1. Have kids listen to the story, "[The Day You Begin](#)."
2. Discuss the book afterward. Optional prompts are:
 - a. Did you make a connection with something that happened in the book?
 - b. In the book, a student has a lunch that is different from other people's lunch and other people think it's weird. How do you think that student feels? What could you do if you see that happening in the lunchroom?
 - c. At the end of the book, how do you think the girl feels when other kids "make space" for her? How do you think she feels when her friends want to learn about her and let her be herself?
 - d. If you feel like you don't belong, who can you talk to?
 - e. At Juanita, we show PRIDE characteristics. We respect all people. Everyone is important. What does it look like to treat everyone with respect?

"Let's Talk About Race"

See the link below to watch and listen to the read-aloud

*Having kids listen and follow along without much Pre-teaching could be a powerful way to begin this conversation.

3. Have kids listen to the story while sharing your screen.
4. A few optional question prompt ideas

Optional Discussion Question Prompts:

-Why did we read this book?

-What is the message of this book?

-How does this book relate to what is happening in the world right now?

-Do you know someone that has experienced a challenge in their life because of their race?

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