

A Conversation on Color
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Two girls were playing together in my Waldorf early childhood class. Amy, who was 5 years old, was fair skinned; Sarah was dark skinned - a lovely six year old soon to go to first grade. They had been together in the class the previous year so knew each other well. Suddenly Amy looked at Sarah and said, "Your skin is black!" as if she had seen the color of Sarah's skin for the first time. Hearing this comment from my work table, I was immediately concerned for Sarah. How could I protect her from being hurt? But Sarah replied in a matter of fact way, "Your skin is white." Then Amy said to Sarah, "You have a red dress on." Sarah replied, "You have a red blouse on." Two boys were playing nearby and had heard the conversation. One boy said, "Black isn't in the rainbow." The other boy said, "Neither is white." Then the play resumed without further ado.
