



Here are a few tips for advocating for the needs of your biracial kids in school:

- 1.** Encourage your child's teacher to have a diverse set of books in his/her classroom. A few titles you could purchase for the classroom are: *Mixed Like Me*, *I Am Mixed*, *The Colors of Us*, *Black, White, Just Right*, *Sesame Street We're Alike*, *We're Different* just to name a few.
- 2.** Participate in Multicultural Events at the School.
Many schools have some sort of multicultural celebration.
Volunteer to cook some ethnic foods or share about your culture. If your child's school doesn't have one, inquire about starting one!

3. Make a Decision at Home about How Your Child Will Identify.

Why is this important? When enrolling your child, there are multiple forms that require you to check race. At some point, your child will have to make a choice about their identity. If you don't have the conversation about identity at home, it will come up at school. Don't you want to be the first one to have that discussion with your child?

4. Be Actively Involved in your Child's Education.

This is important no matter the ethnicity of your child. Unfortunately, teachers tend to work a little harder for kids whose parents are actively involved in their education. Right or wrong, this is the truth.

Take time to meet your child's teacher and have open communication with them.

5. Get to Know Other Interracial Families.

Connect with them at school events. Arrange playdates. Remember, representation matters!