Mirrors & Windows
Diversifying Classroom Libraries

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90% of students rely on school as their primary source for books into their hands.

(Gambrell, 2011)
Mirrors and Windows
“These are our kids...”
Mirrors in our Classrooms
More Mirrors
Windows in the classroom: Living in a City
Books can be both windows and mirrors - depending on the children within the classroom.
What’s next for DC West?

• Adding to classroom libraries and school library to maintain a large collection of window and mirror books for all children

• Insuring that a wide variety of books are accessible to children

• Intentionality with choosing books to share in the classroom for read-alouds and within content area units

• Asking:
  • “Did I use a balance of books that are mirrors and windows for my students?”
  • “Do the books I have chosen share broad and accurate perspectives?”
Where to Start

• Share the Classroom Library Questionnaire
• Online resources for books and more information