

Here is the email Dane Kiambi sent to Ariana's preschool to report the incident she experienced with Jessie.

From: **Dane Kiambi** <dmwirigi@gmail.com>

Date: Tue, Jun 7, 2022 at 12:42 PM

Subject: Concern

To: [REDACTED]
<[REDACTED]>

Dear [REDACTED],

After pickup yesterday, Ariana told me that one of her colleagues at school had said to her that "if you wash your hands with water, they will turn white." She reported the same to me this morning, indicating that the statement bothered her.

It bothers me too, as it should every right-thinking and responsible human being.

Here is an opportunity for the center to diversify the reading materials for the children. The kid who said that to my little girl may have heard that unfortunate statement from an adult or maybe that's just a conclusion the kid made by observing black skin. Regardless, deliberate efforts have to be made to have kids read/be read content about other people who do not look like them.

Eradicating ignorance, which research has shown metastasizes to hate with time, is the responsibility of everyone. However, every learning center (whether for kids or adults) has a greater responsibility of ensuring that learners are exposed to content that captures the true diversity of all peoples and places.

Regards,

Dane Kiambi