

Welcome Around the World

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CONNECT meeting new people or visiting with friends to how various cultures around the world welcome people. What foods would you serve that welcomes others and showcases an aspect of your culture? When you have been a guest in someone else's home, what welcoming traditions and foods did they share to greet you?

There are almost as many ways of making someone feel welcome as there are people on our planet.

—Mary Lee Donovan,
author,
A Hundred Thousand Welcomes

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welcome

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bienvenida

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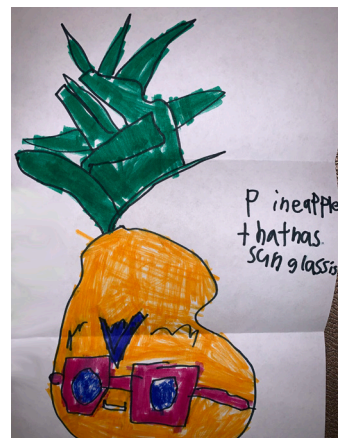


CREATE an illustration of a family welcoming others into their home. You could sketch a welcome mat or draw people sharing favorite foods. How can welcoming guests and sharing foods help people feel comfortable and introduce new friends to others' traditions?



Welcome Harvest by Carya H.

SKETCH YOUR WELCOMING ILLUSTRATION.



Welcome Pineapple by Max D.

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Welcome Bird by Trevor H.



Welcome Flowers by Rebecca K.



PRESENT your artwork.

- If you designed a welcome mat, what language did you decide to use? How did you learn the word for "welcome" in other languages?
- If you drew foods that help people feel welcome, discuss the tradition or cultural relevance of these foods and how you learned about them.
- If you drew people sharing foods, discuss how this experience makes others feel welcome.

As you present, ask questions.

- Who is familiar with that language or food?
- How might people react to words and foods that they are not familiar with in ways that show respect for traditions and hospitality?
- Why is it important to be curious and eager to learn from and about others?



Welcome Food by Kirra C.



RESPOND to your classmates' welcome signs and foods and their ideas of how families can make new friends feel welcome. Point out the similarities and differences in the art images. Discuss the many ways families can welcome others without elaborate preparations. Sometimes it is simply by sitting together and sipping a refreshing drink and snack. Making time and space for conversation, art-making, and laughter can help others feel connected and welcome.