

Woven Tapestry — Well Wishes

Duration 15 min

Overview

This activity invites students to engage in a collaborative installation that helps them build and express empathy for and connection with people on the move.

Materials

- Premade tapestry wall hanging
- Fabric Markers
- Cotton canvas roll

Each student is invited to write a *Well Wishes* message on a strip of cloth for someone embarking on a journey.

Have students reflect on something someone said to them on their journey or what they have said to others, drawing examples from their Journey Zine.

Once each student has written a message, share out what each person wrote and the students can tie their strips to an intertwined chain of messages, resulting in a hanging tapestry (see the sketch on page 9). This evolving piece is designed to grow throughout the summer and during other workshops as more students contribute.

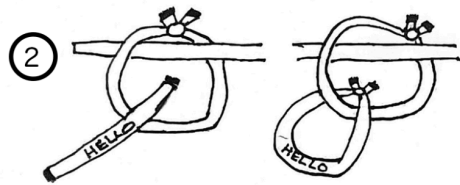
Conversation prompts :

- When you travel away from home, who says goodbye to you? What do they say?
- Who greets you when you arrive at your destination? What do they say?
- What are ways we can make someone feel welcome when arriving in a new place?
- What's a saying that encouraged you on your journey?

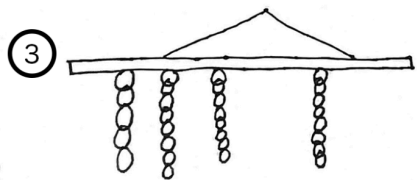
Well Wishes Visual Instructions



Use the markers and cloth to write a message to encourage, help, or greet someone on a journey.



Tie your message to one of the hanging loops on the dowel, adding to the chain of messages.



The chains build into a tapestry as more people add their Well Wishes!