



ASSEMBLE NEW KID WELCOME KITS

Let's create cards and assemble welcome kits to greet new students on their first day.

Possible Recipients

If your group is associated with a school, faith group, or other organization, create your kits to hand out as new members join.

What You'll Need

- New Student Welcome letter (included). If your group is donating kits to a school they don't attend, create your own letters or cards to greet new students.
- Gift bags to decorate and contain kit materials
- Decorating supplies: markers, stickers, stamps
- Welcome Kit Items: (Leaders, prior to your meeting, be sure to share the donation flier with students' families and your community.)
 - School or organization brochure or bumper sticker
 - Coupons or gift cards for local businesses
 - A small pack of crayons or colored pencils
 - Fun erasers and/or pencils
 - Small notebooks or journals
 - Sidewalk chalk
 - Allergy-friendly treats
 - Other ideas your club comes up with



Instructions

- Pass out supplies.
- Decorate bags.
- Fill out new student welcome letters and decorate them. Alternatively, create your own welcome letters.
- Fill bags with your new student kit supplies.

Group Discussion Questions

- What do you think would be most difficult about moving to a new community?
- What might be exciting or interesting about being a new student?

Welcome!

We're so glad you've joined us! The best things about being a part of this community are

- * _____
- * _____
- * _____

You might enjoy my favorite yearly tradition.

- * _____

I love it because

- * _____
- * _____

I hope this simple Welcome Kit makes you smile as you get settled. Getting started in a new community can feel hard, but we're here to help. And you've got this!

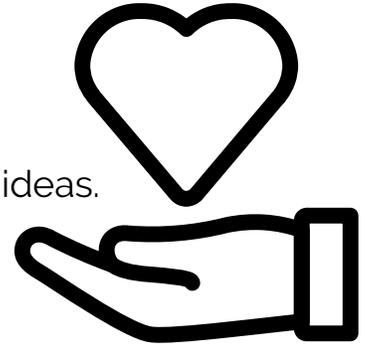
Sincerely,



Donation Drive

**HELP US GREET NEW KIDS
WITH WELCOME KITS!**

All donations are helpful! Here are some ideas.



Coupons or gift cards for local businesses

Small pack of crayons or colored pencils

Small notebooks or journals

Silly erasers and pencils

Sidewalk chalk

Allergy-friendly treats (goldfish, crackers, candy)

Dropboxes for your
donations are located at



Today, we talked about building a welcoming community!

Take-Home Activity

Today created welcome kits for new students. I'm also going to try to be a more welcoming person by

Let's take this idea further and talk about our "Moving Story."

KEY QUESTION: What has brought our family to where we live now?

A Note for Parents:

Family histories offer us all a richer understanding of our connections to others in our community and beyond. Whatever your family's story, movement and migration likely play a role, and these transitions in your family's past lay the foundation for the challenges and opportunities that are available to your family in the present.

Let's Talk!

As you discuss these questions, you may want to record your answers in a notebook. Or try using [StoryCorps.org](https://www.storycorps.org) to record your conversation as a keepsake for the future! Be sure to ask follow-up questions and reach out to older relatives when you want to know more.

What is our family's "moving story"?
Where have we moved from? What inspired this move?

What about our ancestors? What are their "moving stories"?

What objects or family treasures have moved with our family?

How does our family's "moving story" still impact us today?
What challenges or opportunities has moving brought us?

Do we have family traditions that connect us with the places our family has lived in the past?
What are they?

What two or three things could our family do to help build a more welcoming community for new neighbors and students?