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STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

Learning Through Lived Experiences

Classrooms have the power to transform lives when educators anchor learning in students' real-world backgrounds and identity. Students' self-worth and self-concept improve tremendously when they see their culture and experiences valued in the classroom. A culturally inclusive space helps learners see themselves as vital parts of not only the classroom, but also social groups, the community, the nation, and even the world. Engaging in courageous conversations about current events, identity, subject area content, and heritage empowers students of all ages and ability levels to bring diverse perspectives into lessons. See Common Ground Framework for Cultural Awareness Competency #3.

NOVEMBER APPRECIATION

11/1-11/2 Dia De Los Muertos



11/6-11/10 Diwali

What is Diwali?



11/14 Ruby Bridges "Walk To School Day"



Native American Heritage Month

STUDENT VOICE

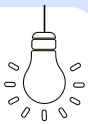
Question: When do you feel most welcome and happy in our school?

Answer: The teachers in America really teach me. In India, they give me a lot of work I don't know how to do. Here, teachers teach me to read. I love my teachers and they love me. I have so many friends.

-Samita M.
(Caley Elementary)



Things That Make You Go Hmm...



How does your classroom invite multiple perspectives or courageous conversations?

WATCH:

"Create A Safe Classroom For Courageous Conversation"

" Student Voices: Courageous Conversations"

