Social & Emotional Learning
BELONGING

Louis Fratino, Among women only, 2020
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<th>still life</th>
<th>A work of art that features still objects (flowers, food, household objects, etc.) for their visual interest or symbolic meanings.</th>
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<td>arugula</td>
<td>A leafy green plant commonly used in salads.</td>
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<td>adapt</td>
<td>To alter or adjust a behavior to suit a specific situation.</td>
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<td>spork</td>
<td>An eating utensil, often used by young children, that combines features of both a spoon and a fork.</td>
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<td>expression</td>
<td>The process of making known one’s thoughts, feelings, or identity.</td>
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How do you make room for newcomers, with all of their differences, in your own groups? How might you signal your welcome—especially to people who may feel hesitant or anxious about belonging?
**STILL LIFE**

Set up plates, glasses, silverware on a table in an interesting way. Look closely, and draw a still life based on what you see. If you’d like, you can draw food or flowers from your imagination to add color and visual interest.

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**GRATITUDE CHART**

Make a practice of noticing the good things in life. For each day of the week, draw or write down one thing you are thankful for.

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HELP OUT AT HOME
Preparing a meal takes time and energy, and you can help! Volunteer to set the table, wash the dishes, or ask what you can do to help. Maybe you can add something to the table to make it look special—something you found in nature, something you made, or something surprising that might spark a conversation.

CONVERSATION STARTERS
If others at your table are up for a conversation game, write some conversation starters on slips of paper, and give each person a slip (or have everyone respond to the same question). Some ideas to get you started:

- What is one way you helped another person today?
- Who is your best friend, and why?
- What is your favorite childhood memory?
- What is your favorite family tradition?
- If you were granted three wishes, what would they be?
- If you could have any superpower, what would you choose?
- What was the best part of your day?
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FIND OUT MORE...

The difference between “belonging” and “fitting in”
Watch Brene Brown on “True Belonging” from Contemplative Interbeing at bit.ly/SELResource17

Learn how to draw a still life
Watch on YouTube at bit.ly/SELResource18

Learn how to set the table
Watch How To: Proper Everyday Table Setting on YouTube at bit.ly/SELResource19

Learn how to make a colorful dish
Try making this rainbow spaghetti with instructions from BBC Good Food at bit.ly/SELResource20

Listen and learn more about the musicians
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