

Welcome to K2K!

BIG IDEA



You belong here.

LEADER GOAL



Help students feel welcomed, safe, and excited to be part of K2K. Build relationships, introduce expectations, and reassure every student that they belong, regardless of whether this is their first year or their fifth.

BEFORE STUDENTS ARRIVE



- Have the mermaid outline activity ready.
- Have markers or pencil crayons available.
- Know where students will place shoes, water bottles, and scripts.
- Be ready to introduce yourself first.



WELCOME + CONNECT

Help students learn names and begin feeling comfortable in the group.

LEADER SAYS

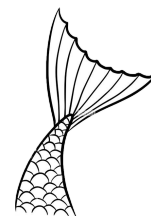


"Welcome to K2K! We're so excited that you're here. Whether this is your very first time at K2K or you've been coming for years, we want you to know something important right from the start: You belong here."

ACTIVITY | MERMAID INTRODUCTIONS



Students write their names around the mermaid outline. As they share, the Small Group Leader writes or draws information about students around the outline too. Leaders should share first.



LEADER NOTE: Share first.

LIVE SPARK

60–90 SECONDS | YOU BELONG HERE

GRAB

Welcome mat

IDEA

A welcome mat can invite someone inside, but people help someone feel like they actually belong.

SPARK

You belong here.

DO/SAY

[Hold up or stand beside a welcome mat.]

“What’s this for?”

[Take a response.]

“Right. It basically says, ‘Come in.’

But here’s the problem.

A welcome mat can’t actually make somebody feel welcome.

It can’t learn your name.

It can’t notice you’re standing by yourself.

It can’t move over and say, ‘Hey, there’s room beside me.’

People do that.

Some of you walked into K2K today knowing exactly where to go.

Some of you might have walked in wondering: “Where do I go?” “Who do I know?” “Am I going to fit in?”

So before we do anything else this year, there’s something we want you to know:

You belong here.

And this year, we also get to help the person beside us know: You belong here too.

Alright—let’s get started.”

THEN

Move directly into Mermaid Introductions.



STORY CONNECTION

FATHOMS BELOW | WELCOME TO THE ADVENTURE

LEADER SAYS

"Today we begin our journey through The Little Mermaid. Our story begins deep beneath the ocean in a place called Fathoms Below."

It's a completely different world, filled with exciting characters, incredible adventures, and lots of discoveries waiting to happen.

In some ways, coming to K2K can feel a little like entering a new world.

Some of you are brand new. Some of you already know lots of people. Some of you might be excited. Others might be wondering if you'll fit in.

Those feelings are completely normal.

One of the things we hope you'll discover this year is that K2K is a place where everyone belongs. No matter your background. No matter your personality. No matter how long you've been coming. We're really glad you're here, and we hope this becomes a place where you feel welcomed, encouraged, and known.



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

LEADER SAYS

"Let's get to know each other a little more."

- 1 What are you most excited about this year?
- 2 Is there anything you're a little nervous about?
- 3 What helps you feel comfortable when you're somewhere new?
- 4 What's one thing you're hoping to do or learn this year?



K2K BASICS & EXPECTATIONS

At K2K...

- ✓ **You matter**, and we want to get to know you! The real and authentic you is important to us.
- ✓ **You can be yourself**. What matters most to us is who you are, not what you can do.

What we expect from you...

- ✓ Most importantly, treat one another the way you want to be treated.
- ✓ Encourage each other.
- ✓ Choose to be honest.
- ✓ Participate, play, and learn with cooperation and kindness. Be respectful.
- ✓ One person speaks at a time.



BOUNDARIES & CONSEQUENCES

We value this space so much that we set up boundaries to keep K2K a safe and special place for everyone. If you are not able to treat others, the furniture, this building, or your leaders with respect, you will receive a warning. After two warnings, we will pause what we're doing to speak with the K2K Staff. At that time, you will be given a choice, and if the behaviour does not change, we may ask you to step back from attending K2K.

[FULL LIST OF EXPECTATIONS - K2K RULES OF CONDUCT LINK](#)



STUDENT REFLECTION

If you could have any animal as a pet, what would you choose and why?



THIS WEEK - YOUR CHALLENGE!

START READING YOUR LITTLE MERMAID SCRIPT.

As you read, think about these questions:



Which character stands out to you?



Is there someone you relate to?

BRING EACH WEEK:



Script in a binder.



Bring your script every week.



Bring indoor/dance shoes.



Bring a labelled water bottle.



CLOSING PRAYER

HOW TO INTRODUCE PRAYER

We like to end our small group time with a prayer to God. Prayer is talking to God and listening to Him just like talking and listening to your best friend. God hears us when we talk to Him. You may want to close your eyes, or sit with your eyes open, or hands out. It's your choice, whatever feels comfortable!

"Let's pray together. Dear God,

Thank You for bringing us together today.

Some of us came excited, while others came feeling nervous or unsure. Thank You that You know each one of us and that You brought us here for a reason.

Help K2K to be a place where everyone feels welcomed, included, and encouraged.

Help us be kind to one another as we begin this new adventure together.

We're excited to learn, grow, and build new friendships this year. Amen."