HAPPY NATIONAL CHILD DAY





YOU HAVE RIGHTS
YOU MATTER
YOU BELONG

CELEBRATE YOUR RIGHTS

BY BUILDING AN IGLOO

AND YOUR CLASS MIGHT WIN $500!

ENTRIES DUE: DECEMBER 9



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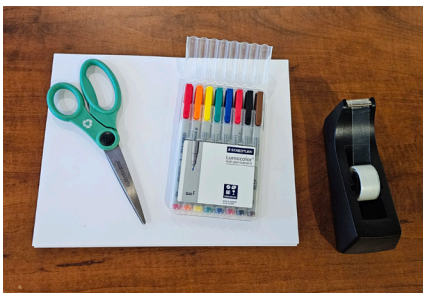
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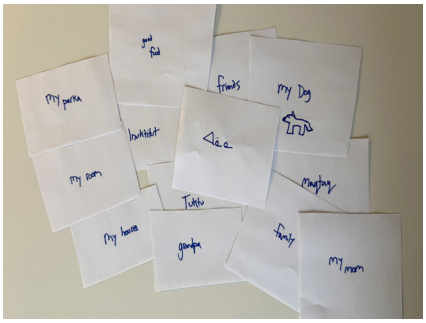
National Child Day is celebrated in Canada on November 20. It is a day all about recognizing how important children's rights are and showing that our country is dedicated to protecting those rights. This year, we want to highlight that every young person deserves a safe place to belong. To do this, have fun and give your class a chance to win a $500 gift card; we've put together a little activity. We're going to build an igloo! Well, sort of, we're making one out of paper "snow blocks."

1. Before you begin, you'll need white paper, markers, pencil crayons, crayons, scissors, tape/glue and about an hour and a half.



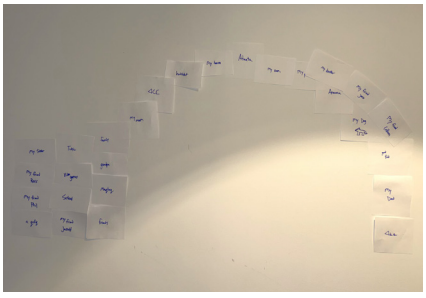
2. Give paper to each child.

3. Depending on their age, ask each child to write something that makes them feel safe, comfortable, and welcomed. Then, have them repeat the process, except instead of writing about the things that make them feel safe, have them write down what makes the person next to them feel safe.



4. We are celebrating children and youth, so encourage them to be creative, adding drawings or anything else they'd like to their pieces of paper.

5. Collect all the pieces of paper. Then, using tape or glue, affix the papers to the surface of your choosing in the outline of an igloo. Be sure to leave the middle open!



DISCUSSION: WHAT DOES AN IGLOO PROVIDE?

Once the activity is complete, consider asking your class what igloos provide. Some answers may include: safety, warmth, housing, and protection. Many of these benefits are also rights they have every day as listed in the United Nations *Convention on the Rights of the Child*; can your class figure out which ones?



6. If you get stuck you can cut a piece paper or "snow block" to fit the space. Don't be afraid to trim each piece of paper in order for it to fit into a space, that's how igloos are built too!



7. With the igloo complete, have the students draw themselves on another piece of paper, cut it out, and then place themselves inside the igloo, along with a few words about how being safe makes them feel.

8. Outside the igloo feel free to add snowflakes, snow, people, or whatever you'd like. Be creative!



9. You're all done! Now it's time for everyone to read the messages and admire their work. Remind students that igloos, just like all spaces, should make them feel safe, comfortable and welcomed!

SUBMISSION

To enter the contest take a picture of your creation and send it to the Representative for Children and Youth's Office, contact@rcynu.ca, by the end of the day on Wednesday, December 9. In the entry email be sure to include the teacher's name, the school's name, and the community. Each class' submission will be entered into a draw in their respective region, with one lucky class per region winning a $500 gift card to the store of their choosing! Winners will be notified by December 11.

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