

K-2 TALKING TIPS: What is Community?

Pro Tip: Guest speakers and teachers—review this document to prepare for the classroom visit. We encourage guest speakers to contact us in advance to reserve student gifts (limited supplies).

Introduce yourself in a simple manner: Your name and your role in the community.

“Today I’m here to talk about community.”

A Community is a group of people who share something in common—like the place they live, their culture, their heritage, or even an activity.

Name two or three communities that you’re a member of: Your place-based community, heritage or cultural community, or an activity-based community.

One type of community is a group of people who like to participate in a certain *activity*.

Let’s see what kind of activity based communities are in this class. Have the kids quietly tell their teacher two or three activities that they really enjoy. Is it: Art? Music? Sports? Fishing? Or something else? The teacher tabulates the results secretly.

Move the kids into their newly identified community. **Take 5-10 Min.** to let the kids share about the given topic within their group while you and the teacher guide the conversations as needed.

Explain that in every community there are leaders and helpers who work together to keep their community strong and productive. Being asked to lead **and** being asked to help are equally as important (it would be very hard to get anything accomplished without helpers!).

Q. How do you help your teacher? Do you help at home? Who likes to lead? Who likes to help?

Let the kids know that it was very nice to meet them. Tell them that their teacher has a Community worksheet for them to complete (see the Fox, Bear, Moose, Caribou coloring pages at AlaskanOwned.com on the Classroom Visits page).

Ask: What kind of community will you create with your drawing? The place you live? Something that shows your culture or heritage? A favorite activity? Or a combination thereof?

The teacher can ask for volunteers to send finished coloring pages to display at your place of business. Complete the Feedback Form at AlaskanOwned.com on the Classroom Visits page. When available, we’ll send the teacher and their students a thank you gift on your behalf.