

1st-2nd Grade Talking Tips: What is Community?

2024-25 School Year

Guest speaker and teacher: review these tips together prior to a classroom visit.

****Decide if your guest is bringing a Show & Tell item.****

Introduce the guest in a simple manner. Their name and primary role in the community.

Guest: *"Hello! 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 or go to school, their heritage, culture, or even an activity.

Guest: share two communities that you're a member of: The business community? And? Or?

Let's see what kind of activity-based communities are in this class. Ask the students to quietly tell their teacher two or three activities that they really enjoy. Art? Music? Sports? Fishing? Something else? The teacher tabulates the results secretly.

Move the students into their newly identified communities. **Take 5-10 Min.** to let the kids discuss the given topic within their group while the adults guide the conversations as needed.

Explain that in every community there are leaders and helpers who work together to keep their community strong. Being asked to lead **and** being asked to help are equally 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?

Discuss the Show & Tell item if you brought one.

The students can return to their regular seats to complete a *community* worksheet (print earlier and hand out the Fox, Bear, Moose, Caribou coloring activity from the [Classroom Visits](#) page).

Q. Ask: what kind of community will you create with your drawing?

Let the students know that it was very nice to meet them before you go.

The teacher sends finished coloring pages to display at the speaker's place of business. Guest speakers and teachers are encouraged to complete our Feedback Form on the [Classroom Visits](#) page at Alaskan Owned Apparel: AlaskanOwned.com

