

THANK YOU, OMU!

Age Range: Elementary School (Grades K-2)

Concept: Collage

This art activity is based on *THANK YOU, OMU!* Written & illustrated by Oge Mora, this picture book is featured in the 2022 Beautiful Blackbird Children's Book Festival.



Prompt:

Create your own community soup to share.

Materials:

2 Pieces of (any) Color Construction Paper
Recycled Newspaper
Crayons
Scissors
Picture book *THANK YOU, OMU!* by Oge Mora

Steps:

1. Draw and cut out a large bowl shape from one of your construction papers, this bowl can be whatever shape you like and can be seen from the side (profile) or from up above (aerial).
2. Discuss with a family member, partner or friend what a community is, who makes up the community you are part of? What types of communities are you a part of?
3. Share what you love about these communities and what you want to see more of in these spaces
4. Let's bring these to life, using your crayons, construction paper and newspaper draw symbols for each of these ideas and fill them in with color. For example, if there's a lot of love in your community you might draw a big heart and color it in with lots of different colors.
5. Continue with step 5 until you have at least 5 drawings. Cut these drawings out and place them in your bowl.
6. To make our community soup a real soup we need to add food items, what are some soups that are special to you and that you enjoy eating?
7. Draw and cut out these food items. Optionally, if it's a hot soup you might want to draw and cut out steam and broth.
8. With your soup ingredients arrange them onto your bowl, maybe overlapping one another or grouping items together. Be creative with your arrangement.
9. Snap a photo of your soup and share the ingredients with a friend or family member to try, snap a photo of their soup and talk about what they chose to put into their soup, did they choose to leave any items out?
10. With any leftover paper pieces you could cut out a utensil to go along with your soup, a ladle, fork, spoon, chopsticks.