



Social Studies Activities

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Social Studies Concepts:

- culture
- careers/occupations
- community

Origami Demonstration

Have the art teacher demonstrate several simple origami creations. Simple-to-follow origami books and videos are also available from libraries, bookstores, and art supply stores. Provide students with colorful paper cut to size or purchased origami paper, so they can follow along.

Folding Screens

Another Japanese art form is the creation of folding screens. Some are carved with designs and painted black, others have wooden frames with hand-painted scenes of flowers or landscapes on silk that are stretched in each panel. Artists also make miniature screens that are used as table-top decorations. Engage students in making miniature folding screens using cardboard folded in fourths for the screen, and decorating them with colorful paintings, drawings, or photographs. Locate pictures of these, so the class can see the artwork as well as the screen structure.

Restaurant Jobs

Replay the video or reread the book and ask students to pay special attention to the various jobs that are necessary to make a restaurant run smoothly (e.g. cook, waiter/waitress, dishwasher, bus person, food delivery, owner, host, etc.). Then have small groups role play working in a restaurant while others role play being customers. Identify both the goods and services made available in a restaurant.

Do-at-Home Activity

Send home the “Mindful Moment” worksheet and encourage parents to sit quietly with their child in a park or on their porch to experience the quietness of nature.

Name: _____ Date: _____

Mindful Moment

Take a few minutes and sit quietly on your porch, in the yard, or in the park. Watch all the things going on around you and listen to the sounds of nature. Make a list or draw pictures of the things you see, hear, and feel.

See	Hear	Feel