

Art & Storytelling Book Club

CREATING A 'CULTURE OF BELONGING'

Cultured Kids is a nonprofit organization that supports cultural inclusion, cultivates empathy, and fosters social and emotional learning through the creation of specialized educational programs.



Art & Storytelling Curriculum



Mosaic created by Book Club students as part of the curriculum

This new curriculum was created for fourth through sixth graders and is being piloted as an after-school book club. The program uses art and literature as tools to progress through topics including **identity, empathy, belonging, and cultural understanding**. Team building exercises, journaling, and group discussions contribute to creating a cohesive community built on trust. Our desired outcomes for the program include increased self-awareness, empathy, and sense of belonging.

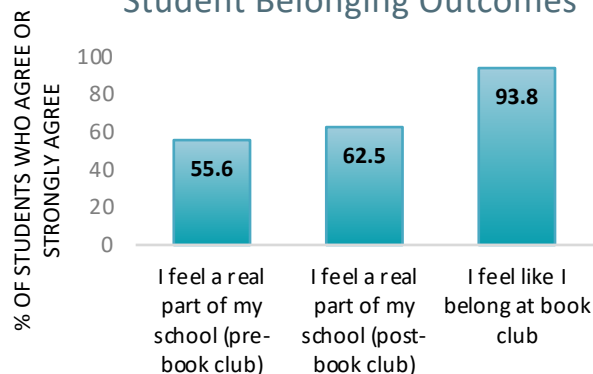
Book Club Pilot Program

32 students served through 2 pilot programs.
Outcomes provided by 18 students in Cohort 1.

Note: Cohort 2 data were limited due to COVID-19

The primary outcomes that emerged from the first pilot program were an increase in students' reported sense of belonging, and their overall enjoyment and satisfaction with the book club curriculum. We will continue to pilot this program with the aim of increasing students' self-awareness and empathy. Through partnerships with educators, we aim to test the efficacy of this program in schools across regions.

Student Belonging Outcomes



Book club feedback



Why did students participate?

"I want to join [book club] because it might help me make friends"

"I hope to get better at reading"

"I want to learn to socialize and learn more about myself"