WELCOME WALL

Create a Warm First Impression That Makes Every Student Feel at Home

A Welcome Wall is one of the most inviting classroom displays you can create. It sets a positive tone, builds classroom community, and helps every student feel valued and included from day one.



LEARNING OBJECTIVES

Students will:

- Help create a welcoming classroom environment.
- Develop creativity through decorating and design.
- Practice name recognition and letter identification.
- Build a sense of classroom ownership and community.
- Work collaboratively to complete a large classroom display.



MATERIALS NEEDED

- Bulletin board backing paper
- Bulletin board trim
- Pre-cut bulletin board letters or letter sets
- Decorative accents (stars, pencils, apples, rainbows, etc.)
- Name tags or cardstock
- Construction paper
- Glue sticks or adhesive dots
- Child-safe scissors
- Markers or crayons
- Stapler (teacher use)

STEP-BY-STEP INSTRUCTIONS

1 PREPARE THE BULLETIN BOARD

Cover the bulletin board with colorful backing paper and add a decorative trim around the edges.



2 ADD THE WELCOME MESSAGE

Place a large title near the top of the board. Choose a welcoming message that fits your classroom.



3 CREATE STUDENT NAME CARDS

Provide each student with a name card. Students decorate their own name using markers, stickers, drawings, and more!



4 DECORATE THE BOARD

Add colorful accents throughout the board to frame the names. Use stars, apples, pencils, books, rainbows, and more!

5 ASSEMBLE THE DISPLAY

Attach student name cards evenly across the board.

Leave room to add photos, birthdays, jobs, and achievements!



6 KEEP IT FRESH

Update the Welcome Wall for different seasons, holidays, events, and special celebrations.

CLASSROOM DISCUSSION

After completing the Welcome Wall, ask students:

- What makes a classroom feel welcoming?
- How can we help new classmates feel included?
- Why is it important to be kind and respectful?
- What can we do every day to make our classroom a positive place?



EXTENSION IDEAS

Invite students to create additional decorations throughout the year!

- Design seasonal accents.
- Write encouraging messages for classmates.
- Add student photos, classroom goals, or monthly accomplishments.
- Older students can help redesign the board each quarter.

SUGGESTED SUPPLIES

Bulletin Board Trim	Bulletin Board Letters	Decorative Accents	Borders
Name Tags	Construction Paper	Cardstock	Glue Sticks
Markers	Child-Safe Scissors	Stapler (Teacher Use)	

TEACHER TIP

Create the Welcome Wall before students arrive on the first day of school. Then invite each student to add their personalized name card during the first week. This helps students feel immediately connected to the classroom and builds ownership and pride!



EVERY STUDENT.
EVERY NAME.
EVERY DAY.
YOU BELONG HERE!

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