

WISCONSIN BOOKWORMS

Activity Sheet



“Ways to Welcome”

By Linda Ashman and Illustrator Joey Chou

A colorful and inclusive picture book about the different ways we can make one another feel welcome.

Before you read this book: A welcome can be quiet or loud, big or small, warm or cold. While welcomes may look different, it’s important that we include others and let them know we are here, and we care. Something as simple as a smile can go a long way.

While you read this book:

- As you read the book, point to people who are expressing a welcoming wave or gesture.
- Children enjoy rhymes. Emphasize the rhyming words. Welcome your child to read along with you by pausing before the words that rhyme on each page and listen for your child to say the rhyming word.

After you read this book:

Ask your child, “Can you think of some ways to show how we welcome others?”

Try this at home:

- Make a large poster or cardboard sign to hold up and welcome the next person who arrives at your home.
- Use chalk on your sidewalk or driveway to draw a welcome message or picture.
- Make up a special handshake greeting together that includes different gestures such as a fist bump, elbow rub or high five. Watch this video for ideas:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l0jgcyfC2r8>

Additional resources:

“Parenting the Preschooler” fact sheets by University of Wisconsin Extension Educators at <https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/parentingthepreschooler/>

“We’re All Wonders” by R. J. Palacio (watch a video with your child of this book being read on Sesame Street at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QhCoHZHnrE>)