

Cultural Summit Ground Rules

1. Maintain focus on respect and understanding
 - We are here to learn about each culture and faith as it relates to our better understanding of children and their families and improves our ability to engage them and include them in our school communities
 - No religious or political debate will be allowed!
2. Don't lose sight of individuals
 - While the information we are sharing may generally be said to be true of each culture as a whole, don't forget that individual kids and families have had different experiences and may not fit completely into their culture's "box"
 - Don't discount the differences between generations, particularly with regard to how long they may have been in this country.
3. Remember socio-economic influences
 - Remember that a family's socio-economic situation (e.g., poverty, divorce, children living with grandparents, legal status) may also influence their ability or willingness to get involved, even more so than their cultural norms.
4. Learn, learn, learn!
 - Take this opportunity to learn as much as you can about the cultures in your school community today from the people who know it best and take that knowledge back to your classroom to make all your families feel welcome and included!