

Promoting Positive School Climate

Flower Hands Growing

This is a whole school activity where every student traces their hand, color, and cut it out. The hands are then arranged to make flowers.

1. Provide students with paper so that they can trace their hands.
2. Students can decorate hands in their own unique way
3. Staff are also encouraged to make a hand
4. Have an assembly, announcement, or classroom lesson to discuss ways that students will grow throughout the year. Also, emphasize ways that students will work together, and once the hands are all put together they make a beautiful garden
5. Collect all hands and adhere them to make flowers. Cut green paper to make stems and leaves

Helpful Hints:

- Arrange hands on construction paper and then laminate to help with holding the hands in place and protecting it
- This can be done with individual classrooms or as a school-wide activity
- Include the words “Strive, Grow, Thrive” on top of the flowers.
- Include a parent newsletter article describing the activity and provide helpful hints on a related topic; for example, resilience, goal-setting, etc.

