

Closing Ceremony

Culmination of the Theme

The students will perform their personal Great Lesson skits for the other students (connecting back to the Opening Ceremony where they revisited the Montessori Great Lessons). Their skits should incorporate their past and the course they have begun to chart during intersession.

Materials

- Rite of Passage “gift” - still TBD, but am thinking along the lines of a navigational compass. I’d like it to be something they could attach to their backpack as a visible reminder of intersession. I’d like it to be durable enough to last through high school.
- No other materials, other than props that the students bring or create for their skit.

Feelings Evoked

I want the students to leave intersession feeling like they belong at Clark and are ready to take the next step. I want them to have gained in confidence, knowing that they can be successful surrounded by the resources and community that Clark provides. I want them to return the following week really understanding why they are important to Clark and why what they do matters to everyone.

Location

The skits will take place in the classroom to allow students use of more controlled lighting, laptops, and sound if needed.

Length

The final two hours of the day.

Dismissal

After concluding presentations and packing up, the freshmen will form two lines and begin walking out of the building together guided by the teachers. As they reach the lobby, preparing to exit the building, they will be met by members of the staff who hand them their “gift” and directly welcome them to high school.