

Balboa Park Journey's End Field Study Opening Ceremony

This opening ceremony will bring back elements of the Kick-Off activity from their Cycle 0: Starting the Journey from the first week of school. That activity is the exact activity we did at the start of CMSTep summer 1, with the tiny suitcase and the little playdough figure that represent the value/ intangible treasure we are brought on the journey of this school year. I will have kept all of these tiny things safe somewhere and absolutely will not forget where I put them. Perhaps I should tell Siri to remind me. (Note: put them somewhere a mouse won't eat them.)

Set the scene with chairs in a circle. Meeting "gear" on the table in the middle. Have tiny suitcases in a suitcase, where they can't see them.

1. Light candle, chime vibra-tone. Read "Turning to One Another."
2. Tell the story of preparing for this year and this special group of students, the nervousness, the excitement, the planning, the goals... Share some highlights of what happened during the year.
3. Unpack the tiny suitcases, calling the students one-by-one to retrieve them and say what they had initially said they would bring into this school year.
4. Give students a minute or two to reflect on how those qualities showed up during the year. Have a short group share out loud if they wish.
5. We are nearly at the end of this leg of your journey. For some of you this is just a pause before you return next year, for others this is the end of your time at MMS.
6. Read Cover Sheet
7. Dismiss
8. Reflective journal