

# Teacher Resource for Planning Your Celebration of Learning

## Structuring Your Celebration's Time of Sharing:

- One option is for student to remain stationary while families move throughout the room and listen to students reading their stories in small groups.
- Another option is for families to sit together in a large group while students share one or two of their favorite scrapbook story pages. These should be pages that help them share their highlight about being deeply loved or deeply loving. A panel of parents could also write encouraging words about each child's story telling.
- For larger classrooms, it may be helpful to split your families into two groups and host the event in two separate spaces or at two separate times. If your classroom is too small, are there spaces in your school you can reserve for this event? Or could you research a space in your community to make this a community event? Do you need to notify anyone in the community of this event?
- If hosting a large event is difficult for your school or families, consider hosting a conference-style celebration. This opportunity for students to share their stories with their parents could be part of a regularly scheduled conference in your school schedule.

## Your Celebration of Learning event should include:

- a. Connections to your sponsored children: Give space during the celebration for students to share their relationship with their sponsored child (through this expedition) from their scrapbook.
- b. Your document panel: Consider welcoming families to your celebration and highlighting this space by including a photograph on a slide or by having a student leader share some important points from your document panel.
- c. Sharing of students' *Deeply Loved, Loving Deeply* scrapbooks.
- d. Opening of love letters to the children from their families: Ask your families to bring these letters to the final celebration. There will be time at the end for families to give the letters to their students as a way to share how much they love their child and are happy to celebrate with them! Students should add these letters to their scrapbooks after the celebration.
- e. You may also write a letter of your own to each student as a way to celebrate how deeply loved they are by you.