

2016-2017
ArtLink Theme
TEAM
Up



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TEAM Up - “to join with another person or group to achieve something”



“Dragon Boat Race” by Qi from China



“Naming Ceremony” by Joseph from The Gambia

In coming up with this year’s theme, we were inspired by the concept of *Minga*, the age old practice in Ecuador of collaboration between friends and neighbors who volunteer their time, effort, and sometimes funds to achieve a shared goal for the betterment of the community - for example building a home, harvesting food, or repairing roads.

Throughout history, individuals have learned to band together to accomplish a task, meet challenges, and solve problems.

This year’s ArtLink theme highlights the value of teamwork:

- First, consider the many ways you or others in your community come together to achieve a goal.
- Then select one of these examples as the subject of the art piece you will create and send to your partner class.

Not sure which example to select? Choose one that speaks to you personally, one where teamwork addresses a problem that you care about, or one that combines the value of teamwork with another cultural value that is meaningful to you.

Here are some examples of teamwork art created by recent ArtLink participants:

- Family members cooking a meal together
- Schoolmates helping one another in class
- Army members defending one’s country
- Football teammates passing the ball
- Church members praying together
- Choir members singing in concert
- Community members in a parade making a large dragon come to life

As you and your partner class create and exchange your art pieces, remember that you are forming a global team to help bring cultural understanding to one another and to our world. Go Team!