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Teacher Notes

YouTube Link:

- Poetry Pause with Dr. Kim version includes a short interactive mindfulness introduction before the poem: <https://youtu.be/d7Il4lHF7oE>

Use the poem "Welcome to Your School" in various ways:

- As a **bell ringer** or **post-recess moment of focus**. Let the video play while you tidy or prep.
- As the introduction to a **back-to-school activity**: ask students if their classroom looks like the one in the poem; ask them to find where the items mentioned in the poem are in their new classroom (hooks, backpacks, lunches, etc.)
- To complement or introduce **back-to-school drawing** activities: ask students to make their own artwork to stick on the wall
- To complement or introduce **back-to-school writing** activities: ask students what memories they made last school year and/or what memories they think they'll make this year

If you have questions or would like to share feedback, please get in touch:

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Happy Teaching, Kim x

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Welcome to Your School

By Kim T. Harrison

Welcome to your class
Welcome to your chair
Welcome to your teacher
Smiling over there

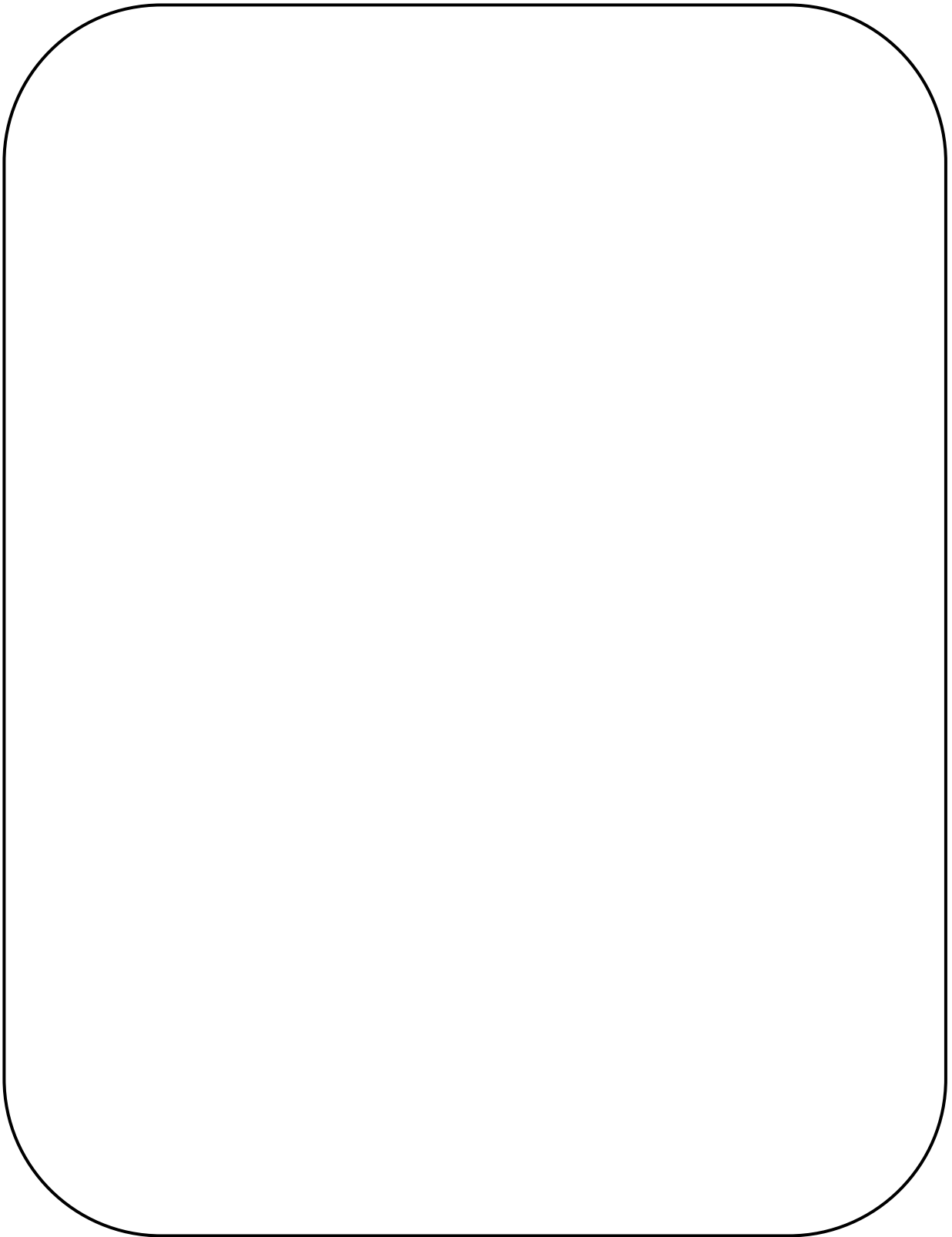
Welcome to your friends
Welcome to your books
Welcome to your backpacks
Hanging up on hooks

Welcome to your lunch
Welcome to your hall
Welcome to your artwork
Sticking on the wall

Welcome to your school
We're so glad you're here
Welcome to the memories
You're sure to make this year

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Draw a picture of your classroom:

A large, empty rounded rectangle with a black outline, intended for a student to draw a picture of their classroom inside.

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About Dr. Kim

Dr. Kim's full name is Kim T. Harrison. She is a writer, poet, and teacher, who was born in England but moved to Canada a long time ago and now lives on the beautiful island of Newfoundland.

Dr. Kim can't help fix a broken leg or a sore throat, but she can prescribe poetry reading and writing activities! She's a "doctor" because she has a PhD in French literature and cultural studies. This means she's read and written about A LOT of books and poems. When she was a kid, her favourite book had lots of different poems in it. She still reads these poems today and now writes her own because she loves the sound and feel of words, and the magic that happens when those words work together to create new worlds.

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