



# A Rongali for Diwali

## VEDDER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Diwali, Festival of Lights is a re-affirmation of hope, a renewed commitment to friendship and goodwill, and a celebration of the joys of life.

A Rongali is a design created from sand or salt and placed at the entrances of family homes to greet visitors for Diwali. At Vedder Elementary, the Singh family created a stunning Rongali to welcome students to school for Diwali.

Rongali are usually made by families in South India. The Singh family is from North India and this is the first Rongali they have made. It was amazing to watch their joy, fear, courage and pride as the project evolved. They even took photos to share with family in India.



## Strat Plan Connection

**Collective Responsibility** to support **Human and Social Development** and embrace learning and cultures is evident. The courage of staff to reach out to their community through the lens of inclusion, experience vulnerability, and ultimately be gifted with rich new learning is priceless. The willingness of the Singh family to create the design, explain it's traditional origins and share this culture with their school community shows bravery and understanding. Collectively the entire school community has benefitted.

