YOGA AND MINDFULNESS

MINDFULNESS MEDITATION

Sit with legs crossed or in a chair.

Put one hand on your heart, put the other hand on your belly button.

Take 3 slow, deep breaths.

Notice what you're thinking and feeling right now.

Focus on the feeling of your breath.

Notice what thoughts or emotions come and go as you sit here.



What did you notice during your mindfulness meditation?
Write a few words or draw how you feel.

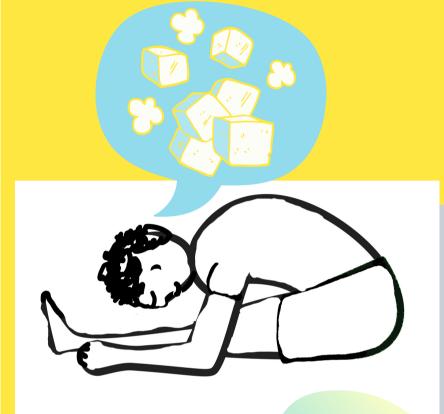
YOGA MOVEMENT

Forward Bend:

- Sit on the floor with your legs stretched out in front of your hips
- Press your hands down behind you to help lengthen your back as your breathe in deeply
- Breathe out as you bend forward reaching for your shins or your toes
- Hold your shins or your toes and stretch your chest out over your legs
- Continue to breathe normally, in and out
- You can stay here for as long as it is comfortable

Legs up the wall:

- To go deeper into chill mode, move next to a wall. Sit sideways next to a wall, as close as you can. With your shoulder next to the wall, stretch your legs out
- Lie down onto your back and bring your legs up the wall (*try swinging them!)
- Let your arms go out to the sides with your elbows bent (like a goal post)
- Close your eyes and allow your whole body to relax for as long as you like



Chill for real

means inviting your body to release tension that you might not even know you have

so you can restore and be at peace.

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MEDITATION

TENSE AND RELEASE

 Take a deep breath in, tense all the muscles in your legs and feet, hold the squeeze for a few seconds, then breathe out and let it all go

 Take a deep breath in, tense all the muscles in your arms and hands, hold the squeeze for a few seconds then breathe out and let it all go

 Take a deep breath in, tense all the muscles in your shoulders, neck, and face, then breathe out and let your whole body relax

• Rest here and feel your whole body as it is released down onto the support of the floor. Invite all of the tension in your body to let go

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MINDFUL MANDALA

Color the snowflake mandala mindfully. Enjoy paying attention to the colors, sounds, and shapes as you concentrate and let your thoughts go.





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Take a moment to practice mindfulness meditation again. What did you notice? Write a few words or draw how you feel.