

Grey Roots @ home

Explore traditions with Grey Roots!

This activity is linked to grade two curriculum, but is great for all learners, just adjust and have fun!

Activity: New Traditions on the Block

Background Information for Teachers & Parents

This activity demonstrates how new traditions can begin. When we meet new people, we are introduced to new traditions and celebrations. We find ways to include new ideas that interest us into our lives. In this activity, students will create a brand-new tradition or celebration using ideas from a variety of people.

Before the activity, students should understand what a tradition is.

What you need:

- ★ Worksheets – New Traditions on the Block + Making New Traditions on the Block– blank
- ★ A way to communicate with a variety of people

Activity

Using the “New Traditions on the Block” worksheet, complete the sentence “The most important tradition my family celebrates is.” To fill in the rest call, text, or connect with family and friends to ask them what is their most important tradition is.

Afterwards, you get to create your own brand new tradition or celebration! Create something brand-new or use some of the ideas you learned from your family and friends. No limits to your creativity! Complete the “Making New Traditions on the Block” worksheet to capture the ideas. Students can write things that are important to them e.g. time of year or date, special decorations, clothing, food, etc. Pictures and words can be used to communicate their ideas.

Need more ideas?

Create example decorations, cards, menu, etc. for a visual arts or language connection.

Encourage further inquiry into celebrations or traditions from your community. Connect with local community members digitally to invite them to share the tradition or celebration details with your students.



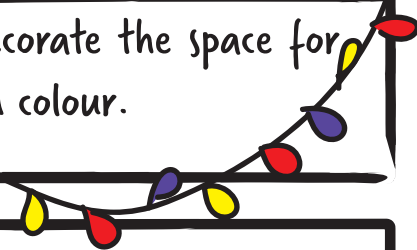
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Assessment Suggestions
Assess student writing and drawing.

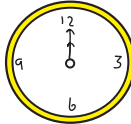
Making New Traditions on the Block

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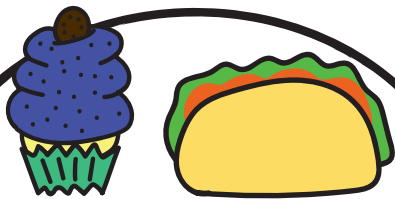
Lights decorate the space for light and colour.



The eating starts right at 12:00 PM for lunch. Some activities may start before that time to be ready.



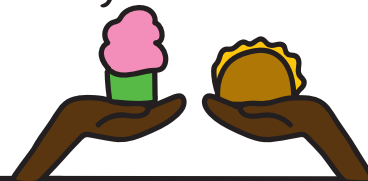
Tasty Treats Day!



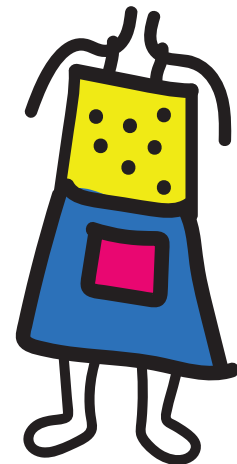
We eat sweet foods, like cupcakes.
And spicy tacos!

We celebrate Tasty Treats Day to remember that we all deserve a special treat.

If people cannot be with you on Tasty Treat Day, you can share with them digitally or join them for their Tasty Treats Day!



Make or decorate your own apron to wear when making the food and then eating the food!



New Traditions on the Block

The most important tradition my family celebrates is

Connect with family and friends. Ask them the question and listen to their response. As they share, write down what interests you.

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Making New Traditions on the Block

Using the ideas shared by your classmates, create your very own, brand new tradition or celebration. Use the ideas that you like. Think about a name, date/time of year, reason, tradition details (food, decorations, clothing, location, etc.).

