

Letter to Parents/Guardians

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Our class is working on an exploration of celebrations and traditions. Throughout our unit students will be able to explore their own traditions and those of the past.

We need your assistance to help connect students to their own past. This may include sitting down for an interview or helping your student connect with other family members or friends by phone or digitally.

To help you understand what they will be working on the activities are included below. Please connect with me if you have any questions or concerns.

Tradition Tracker

Students will interview at least two people to get information about the same holiday or tradition. Interviews within the household can be done in person and for those who live outside of the home technology can be used. Students will take notes during the interviews and then answer the questions on the other side of the page.

New Traditions on the Block

When we meet new people, new traditions are introduced. Students will work on this assignment in class. We will look at how traditions have changed over time with the introduction of new ways to do things or new things to celebrate.

Food by the Calendar

Food has always been an important part of celebrations. Your student will ask for a recipe that is important to your family. It can be important for any reason or celebration. Share the story with your student. They will write a brief paragraph explaining the story and draw a picture.

Please send a copy of the recipe in their agenda/by email to me/etc. because we will be creating a classroom recipe book.

Peek into the Past

As a class will be examining a historic journal from the Grey Roots Archives. If your family has an antique journal or diary, please consider sharing it with your student. From this activity they will write their own journal entries.

We are very excited to investigate celebrations and traditions as a class. Again, if you have any questions or concerns please let me know.

Thank you,

Teacher Name