



## Monthly Newsletter: December, 2021

What do have the students have to look forward to this month?

### **\*\*Cultural Celebrations!\*\***

Our holiday focus for the next three weeks will be “celebrations in other cultures.” During this time we will be exploring and learning how different cultures celebrate the season and taste foods from around the world. In this way the children can learn about our multi-cultural world, its customs and celebrations instead of focusing on specific celebrations of faith. Your child will be learning about the geography, history, cultures, and languages of Argentina and Vietnam. If anyone has any interesting artifacts, music or clothing from either of these countries or their many cultures, we'd love you to share them with us.

**Our Annual Multi-cultural celebrations are scheduled for Wednesday, December 15 and Thursday December 16 from 9:00 - 10:30 a.m.** Similar to our harvest celebration, the children will circulate around to each room or country/culture, sample foods from that area of the world, create cultural art projects and participate in cultural celebrations. We encourage children to participate by dressing in either traditional Vietnamese or Argentinian dress for the celebrations. If your child feels uncomfortable dressing up they can come as they are as several of the activities will allow them to accessorize. We will be celebrating both cultures on Wednesday and Thursday so if your child attends both days they can pick one traditional costume or switch if they would like. We will be eating a Vietnamese lunch on one day and an Argentinian lunch on the other.

### Vietnam



#### **Ideas for Vietnamese clothing include**

- Brightly colored textiles and silks
- An animal from Vietnam
- Red and Gold to match the flag
- Rice Farmer clothing

#### **Activities the students will be working on include**

- Native Vietnamese animals
- Map and Flag of Vietnam
- Counting in Vietnamese
- Practicing calligraphy

### Argentina



#### **Ideas for Argentinian clothing include**

- Brightly colored textiles
- Tango outfit
- An animal from Argentina

#### **Activities the students will be working on include**

- Map and Flag of Tanzania
- Pink Fairy Armadillos and other native animals
- Patagonia and Andes
- Counting in Spanish
- Make your own Bolero project

For Your  
Calendar

Dec 15 & 16:  
9-10:30  
Cultural Celebrations

Dec 20 – Dec 31:  
Closed for Winter  
Break

Jan 3:  
School reopens!

## FYIs and Upcoming Events:

We will be **CLOSED Monday December, 20 through Friday, December 31** for the Winter break. School will reopen Monday, January 3.

**We ask that parents take home all items from the bin room and your child's bin so we can clean thoroughly during the break. Thank you!**

### Holiday Travel:

As we embark on the holidays we would like to ask everyone to continue practicing **mindful COVID-19 precautions.**

As Colorado is at the front of this recent wave you may be already in these habits so this as a gentle reminder that, *thanks to you all*, our Children's House community has done so well so far!

We are grateful for everything you can do to maintain that into the New Year.

## Reminders:

### Winter Necessities:

With winter on its way, it is important for your child to have a **warm coat clearly labeled** with their name inside.

On snowy days we will only be venturing outside after lunch (12:00-1:00 p.m.) dressed fully in snowsuits

**We ask that your child have the following items (clearly labeled) at school each day: warm waterproof gloves/mittens, a hat, boots, and snowsuit.** We also ask parents to bring in a bag (a reusable grocery bag works well) with all your child's winter items and ask them to hang it in their bin when they arrive at school. This enables them to find and carry their items when it is time to dress for recess. Thank you!

*Thank you all for continuing to do everything you can to keep our school and our greater community safe! We are so grateful for the immense community spirit you all embody and teach your children to embody. Together we will continue to thrive through this ongoing pandemic season.*



**KEEP SOCIAL DISTANCE  
AND WEAR MASK**

