

Monthly Newsletter: December, 2022

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

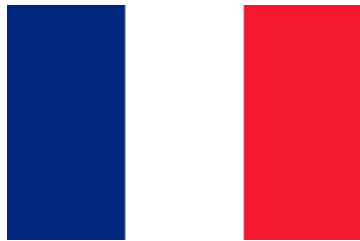
****Cultural Celebrations!****

Our holiday focus for the next two 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 France and Tibet. 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 14 and Thursday December 15 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 will be eating a French lunch on one day and a Tibetan lunch on the other.

To keep these activities child-focused these celebration days will be for students only. Stay tuned for our upcoming Parent's Night at school events in January!

France



Activities the students will be working on throughout these weeks include:

- Animals of France
- Map and Flag of France
- Counting in French
- Practicing basic French words
- Architecture of France
- Tour de France Wheels
- Traditional clothing paper dolls

Tibet



Activities the students will be working on throughout these weeks include:

- Native Tibetan animals
- Map and Flag of Tibet
- Himalayan Mountains
- Counting in Tibetan
- Make your own Thangka project
- Traditional clothing paper dolls
- Creating their own mandalas

Health Reminders:

COVID, Influenza, and RSV cases are on the rise in our area. Please keep your child home if they are exhibiting symptoms.

We require a student to be free of symptoms for at least 24 hours for illness including nausea, vomiting, diarrhea. **The state is temporarily recommending children stay at home for 72 hours for any NEW respiratory illness symptoms. These symptoms include cough, runny nose, sneezing, and/or fever.**

Please feel free to contact us with any questions.

Upcoming Events:

We will be **CLOSED Monday December, 19 through Friday, December 30** for the Winter break.

School will re-open Monday, January 2.

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!

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.

