

Tuesday, February 4, 2020

Dear Third Grade Families,

The third graders are ready to begin working on their Holiday Fair Project in social studies. This is a very fun research project that covers many social studies and language arts standards. Normally, each student is assigned a country and then researches how that country celebrates the Christmas season. This year will be different since I was out on maternity leave over Christmas.

Each student will be assigned a different holiday that is celebrated somewhere in the world. The students will then research that holiday, write a short report, create a trifold poster, and give a presentation on that holiday. We will work on research at school. However, many students will need to do additional research at home. Feel free to work with your child to complete this research. Students will work with me to write a short report at school. I want the report written a certain way. A final copy of the report may need to be finished at home. The trifold poster will be completed at home. Students will practice their presentation at home. Please see the attachments for all directions.

I will have extra copies of all directions on my website as well as due dates for each part. Parents are invited to attend the holiday fair.

Help with research:

- Visit the library- the children's librarian will be a great resource to help you find books and articles for your holiday.
- Try typing in "(name of holiday) for kids" when searching for information on a search engine.
- Please do not use *wikipedia* as a resource

Due dates:

\_\_\_\_\_ Research done

\_\_\_\_\_ Rough draft of report

\_\_\_\_\_ Final copy of report

\_\_\_\_\_ Holiday Fair: Trifold posters due and presentations given

Please feel free to ask any questions. Thanks for your help and support at home with this project.

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## Presentation Guidelines

- 1) Please use a trifold poster board display (available at office max, Michaels, Walgreens, etc). These come in several sizes-the medium and large boards work well.
- 2) Decorate the poster display with important information of the celebration.

Be sure to include:

- 1) Name of celebration
  - 2) Date(s) celebrated
  - 3) Where its celebrated (country or countries)
    - a. If its celebrated in many places, feel free to just list 2-3 places.
  - 4) Traditions
  - 5) Symbols
  - 6) Interesting Facts
  - 7) Foods
- 3) Students will need to present their celebration to the class. Students may use note cards but they will not be allowed to read their report. This means some practice will be required.
- 4) Students **may** choose to include one or more of the following:
    - a. A costume: Students may dress like a person from this country
    - b. A food: Students may bring in a special food that is shared at the celebration. Please bring in enough for all students, teachers, and any parents who may choose to attend (30). This should be a small serving.
    - c. A craft or artifact: Students may bring in or make a craft or artifact that is seen at the celebration. This artifact should be shown during the presentation.

# Holiday Fair

Celebration: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_





**Name of celebration:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date(s) celebrated:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Where is this holiday celebrated? (country or countries)**

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