

Dear Families,

It is our hope to help strengthen and support the culture of our families, our school, and our community. We want children to share and learn from the wealth of knowledge that our family and community members have to offer.

Could you come in to share a holiday tradition? Would you be willing to come in and talk about your job or hobbies? Do you have a special story to read or a recipe to share? Do you have a pet to introduce? Do you play an instrument?

It's wonderful for the children when we all work together to promote an environment of learning and sharing. **The attached questionnaire will help us to incorporate the richness of your family heritage and culture into our program. Please take some time to answer the following and return to school ASAP.**

We thank you for your willingness to share, and to be a part of the education of our entire school family.

Sincerely,

Family Partnership Questionnaire

Child's Name _____ Place of Birth _____

Mother's Name _____ Mother's Place of Birth _____

Father's Name _____ Father's Place of Birth _____

Primary Language of child _____

All Languages spoken at home _____

Child lives with (name and relationship) _____

Other family members important to child (relationship and what child calls them)

Please tell us how you celebrate your family's most important holiday

What other special holidays, customs or cultural traditions does your family take part in?

List some favorite foods that your family enjoys

Are there any items of traditional clothing or other items that represent your cultural background that you would be able to show us or donate to our classroom for dramatic play?

Please list any specific community organizations that family members are involved in: (church, scouts, clubs, volunteering, community events, etc.)

What does your family enjoy doing together?

Do you or a family member play an instrument? Tell us about the music your family likes to listen to.

List some favorite books read at home

Please tell us about your family members' jobs and occupations

Please tell us about your family members' hobbies

Tell us about your family pets or animals that are important to your family

Please tell us about a family friend or relative that may want to share his/her talents and interests with the children. We can all be important resources for learning – it takes a village to raise a child!

Please write more about any of the questions above or anything else you feel may be interesting or important for us to know about your family heritage. Feel free to include any suggestions or resources you may wish to share

Thanks so much for sharing this information with us!
