

SOCDS Holiday Plan 2023/2024

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Holiday	Date	Objective	Activity
Hispanic Heritage Month	September 15 th through October 15 th	To celebrate the influence of Hispanic Culture and experience in America.	Stories / Map Discussion, and Food
Rosh Hashanah	September 15 th	To celebrate the Jewish New Year with a wish for a sweet and good year. (apples and honey)	Book / Discussion
Yom Kippur	September 25 th	To reflect on making good choices for the new year.	Book / Discussion
Johnny Appleseed Day	September 26 th	To celebrate the beginning of the school year with apple crafts. This is a school wide event as a circuit with parent support.	Circuit of activities
Columbus Day / Indigenous Peoples Day	October 9 th	To acknowledge the adventure of searching for new lands. We avoid the word “Discover” and introduce the word adventure and search for the new/different. We also discuss the term indigenous to avoid the discussion of “finding America” or labeling.	Book / Discussion
Fire Prevention Week	October 9 th	To understand the importance of following fire drills and staying safe.	Exercise
World Food Day	October 16 th	To acknowledge the need for food in our community. Food drive this week.	Food Drive
Veteran’s Day	November 11 th	To celebrate our country and the people that serve in the military. We do not discuss war; we discuss the protectors.	Book / Discussion
Diwali	November 12 th	To celebrate the Hindu New Year and wish for a year filled with light.	Book Discussion
America Recycles	November 15 th	To practice recycling and emphasize “reduce” as a choice. This is a school wide event as a circuit.	Circuit learning how to sort items
Harvest Feast with Ms. Linda	Before Thanksgiving	To enjoy the fruits of our gardening.	Sharing a meal together
Thanksgiving (School closed Thurs. & Fri)	November 23 rd	To acknowledge the interdependence between people that look and live differently	Books / Crafts

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Hanukkah	December 7 th	To introduce children to the festival of lights and the tradition of the dreidel game.	Book / Craft
Christmas	December 25 th	To introduce children to the decorations used in this celebration.	Book / Craft
Kwanzaa	December 26 th	To introduce children to the seven principals.	Book / Craft
Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday	January 15 th	To celebrate the achievement of MLK using non-violence to achieve action. Using his words instead of his hands.	Week of celebration of MLK and subsequent Black American accomplishments
Groundhog Day	February 2 nd	To discuss the calendar item of Groundhog Day and await spring.	Discussion
100 Days of School	Early February Depending on weather closings	To culminate the kindergarten class count-down to 100. Following the ZERO the HERO curriculum.	Kindergarten Count Down
Lunar New Year	February 10 th	To celebrate the Chinese New Year for the arrival of spring with good wishes for happiness. Illustrate the strength and goodness of the dragon for the new year.	Book / Craft
Valentines' Day	Feb. 14 th	To acknowledge a special friend with good wishes. All cards made in class.	Share one Valentine with an assigned classroom friend
President's Day	February 19 th	To celebrate patriotism across America.	Book / Discussion
Read Across America	Week of March 2nd	To practice reading with a critical eye. Learning how to question what you read and see, and don't read and see.	School Wide Read In
Purim	March 23 rd	Joyous and fun holiday celebrating life.	Book/craft
Holi	March 24 th	To celebrate Spring and festival of colors. Victory of good over bad.	Book / Color craft
Easter	March 31 st	To introduce children to the celebration of spring.	Book / Discussion

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Autism Awareness	Month of April	Everyone getting what they need, when they need it, so they can feel valued, respected and loved.	Book/Discussion
Passover	April 22 nd	To introduce children to the celebration of being freed and the need to alter diets to circumstances. (why can't he/she have pizza?)	Book / Discussion
Earth Day	April 22 nd	To celebrate the importance of caring for our Earth.	School Planting
Arbor Day	April 28 th	To celebrate the joy of trees.	School plantings
Cinco De Mayo	May 5 th	To acknowledge the victory of the outnumbered Mexican Army defeating the French imperial invaders in the Town of Puebla, Mexico in 1862.	Explore a map of Mexico and France
Mother's Day	May 12 th	To acknowledge that Mother's Day is celebrated to honor anyone who loves and cares for you.	Books and Crafts
Memorial Day	May 27 th	To acknowledge that people have died to make our country what it is today.	Book
Art Show	Friday, May 31 st	To showcase the work of students during the year.	Showcase
Last Day of School	June 14 th	Half day	
Juneteenth	June 16 th	National Independence Day acknowledging the freedom of enslaved persons.	
Father's Day	June 16 th	To acknowledge that Father's Day is celebrated to honor anyone who is important in your life.	Books and crafts
Islamic New Year	Sunday, July 7 th .	To celebrate the Islamic New Year with a reflection for those who were oppressed.	Book / Discussion