

### SOCDS Holiday Plan 2024/2025

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<b>Holiday</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Objective</b>	<b>Activity</b>
Hispanic Heritage Month	September 15 <sup>th</sup> through October 15 <sup>th</sup>	To celebrate the influence of Hispanic Culture and experience in America.	Book / Map Discussion, and Music
Johnny Appleseed Day	September 26 <sup>th</sup>	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
Rosh Hashanah	October 2 <sup>nd</sup>	To celebrate the Jewish New Year with a wish for a sweet and good year. (apples and honey)	Book / Discussion
Fire Prevention Week	October 6 <sup>th</sup>	To understand the importance of following fire drills and staying safe.	Book Discussions and Practicing Fire Drills
Yom Kippur	October 11 <sup>th</sup>	To reflect on making good choices for the new year.	Book / Discussion
Columbus Day / Indigenous Peoples Day	October 14 <sup>th</sup>	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
World Food Day	October 16 <sup>th</sup>	To acknowledge the need for food in our community. Food drive this week.	Food Drive
Diwali	November 1 <sup>st</sup>	To celebrate the Hindu New Year and wish for a year filled with light.	Book Discussion
Veteran’s Day	November 11 <sup>th</sup>	To celebrate our country and the people that serve in the military. We do not discuss war; we discuss the protectors.	Book / Discussion
America REDUCES Day	November 15 <sup>th</sup>	To practice “reducing” as a choice.	Reflection on consumption and waste
Harvest Feast with Ms. Linda	Before Thanksgiving	To enjoy the fruits of our gardening.	Sharing a meal together
Thanksgiving (School closed Thurs. & Fri)	November 28 <sup>th</sup>	To acknowledge the interdependence between people that look and live differently	Books / Crafts

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Hanukkah	December 25 <sup>th</sup>	To introduce children to the festival of lights and the tradition of the dreidel game.	Book / Craft
Christmas	December 25 <sup>th</sup>	To introduce children to the decorations used in this celebration.	Book / Craft
Kwanzaa	December 26 <sup>th</sup>	To introduce children to the seven principals.	Book / Craft
Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday	January 15 <sup>th</sup>	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
Lunar New Year	January 29 <sup>th</sup>	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
Groundhog Day	February 2 <sup>nd</sup>	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
Valentines' Day	Feb. 14 <sup>th</sup>	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 17 <sup>th</sup>	To celebrate patriotism across America.	Book / Discussion
<b>Read Across America</b>	<b>Month of March</b>	<b>To practice reading with a critical eye. Learning how to question what you read and see, and don't read and see.</b>	<b>Weekly Dress Up</b>
Purim	March 13 <sup>th</sup>	Joyous and fun holiday celebrating life.	Book/craft
Holi	March 14 <sup>th</sup>	To celebrate Spring and festival of colors. Victory of good over bad.	Book / Color craft
Eid	March 30 <sup>th</sup>	Discuss the moon phases and the religious symbols. Reflect on how to be a better person in the coming year.	Crafts and Book Discussions

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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
Easter	April 20 <sup>th</sup>	To introduce children to the celebration of spring.	Book / Discussion
Passover	April 12 <sup>th</sup>	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 <sup>nd</sup>	To celebrate the importance of caring for our Earth.	School Planting
Arbor Day	April 28 <sup>th</sup>	To celebrate the joy of trees.	School plantings
Cinco De Mayo	May 5 <sup>th</sup>	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 11 <sup>th</sup>	To acknowledge that Mother's Day is celebrated to honor anyone who loves and cares for you.	Books and Crafts
Memorial Day	May 26 <sup>th</sup>	To acknowledge that people have died to make our country what it is today.	Book
Art Show	Friday, May 31 <sup>st</sup>	To showcase the work of students during the year.	Showcase
Father's Day	June 16 <sup>th</sup>	To acknowledge that Father's Day is celebrated to honor anyone who is important in your life.	Books and crafts
Juneteenth	June 20 <sup>th</sup>	National Independence Day acknowledging the freedom of enslaved persons.	