

D. December Holidays Around the World

Content Area: **Social Studies**
Course(s): **Social Studies K**
Time Period: **December**
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Unit Overview

In this unit students will gain exposure to various holidays around the world that are celebrated in December.

Essential Questions

What is Kwanzaa?

How many days is Kwanzaa celebrated for?

What is Hanukkah?

How many days is Hannukah celebrated for?

Can you name some Christmas traditions?

Content

Discussion of various December holidays.

Recognize that families have different holiday traditions.

Identify holidays that are celebrated by own familys.

Skills

Recall information.

Participate in discussions.

Recognize that people have different traditions based on their cultures and beliefs.

Identify various December holidays.

Assessments

Teacher Observation

Student participation in discussion.

Lessons/Learning Scenarios

December holidays and traditions will be discussed through stories and pictures during morning meetings.

Students will be creating menorahs, kinaras, and christmas trees at the social studies center.

Students will participate in the Christmas tradition of Polar Express through hearing the story and also by watching the film.

The kindergarten classes will combine to experience various christmas around the world centers including; France, Italy, England, and Germany.

The movie "Elmo celebrates the holidays" will be watched to provide more insight to the December celebrations.

Standards

SOC.K-4.6.1.4.D.e	Cultures include traditions, popular beliefs, and commonly held values, ideas, and assumptions that are generally accepted by a particular group of people.
SOC.K-4.6.1.4.D.f	American culture, based on specific traditions and values, has been influenced by the behaviors of different cultural groups living in the United States.
SOC.K-4.6.1.4.D.13	Describe how culture is expressed through and influenced by the behavior of people.

Resources

Kwanzaa related stories.

Hanukkah related stories.

Christmas related stories.

Elf on the shelf, book and movie.

Polar Express book and movie.

Elmo celebrates the holidays movie.

Menorah, driedles, and Kinara