At Home For the Holidays!



This is the time of year when many families celebrate traditional holidays around the world. We have been learning about different groups of people in our social studies curriculum; family, school, and community. This project is a great opportunity for the students to display their family group. Students will exhibit how their family celebrates a traditional holiday inside their very own homes.

Each family is asked to decorate their house, using whatever materials they would like, to best illustrate how their traditional holiday is celebrated. Additionally, I would love for families to add some illustrations and designs to the events that would occur inside their home during their holiday celebration. This is a whole family activity, so everyone can get involved. ☺

\*Please note: The holiday does not have to be a winter one. I welcome all holidays such as; Christmas, Hanukkah, Eid, Diwali, Thanksgiving, Halloween and more are welcome! ☺

DIRECTIONS: Very Simple

1. Color or decorate the background *(inside of frame on the large paper)* which best illustrates what time of year it is when your holiday is celebrated. Children can use colored pencils, crayons, markers, or any other materials found around your home. You can use such materials as pine cones, grass, leaves, cotton for snow, etc. ***(Please refer to the reverse side of this paper for photo examples).***
2. On the additional paper, draw and/or create a scene inside of your house that would occur during your holiday tradition. For example, during Thanksgiving a family might draw a table with people sitting together. You can be as creative as you want and add additional materials to your scene such as using popsicle sticks to make a table, yarn for people's hair, etc.
3. Next cut out the frame of the house, ***be careful not to cut the middle line.***
4. Fold your house so that the front is showing and when you open it, you see the scene you just created.
5. Glue the back of your house to the large piece of paper.
6. Now decorate the outside of your house using again, any materials that best illustrate how your house might look during your holiday celebration.
7. On the ***attached paper***, both you and your child brainstorm one or two words that begin with each letter of the word, "HOLIDAY." For instance, if you choose the holiday, Thanksgiving, your child might write the following:

***H****arvest time*

***O****ld friends*

***L****aughter*

***I****'m thankful*

***D****inner*

***A*** *big turkey*

***Y****ummy yams*

1. Please return to school with your homework packet. The houses will be displayed. Please make sure your child's name is on the front sign above the house door.

*Thank you and have fun decorating your house!*