

### SOCDS Holiday Plan 2021/2022

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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.	Stories / Map Discussion, and Food
Rosh Hashanah	Monday, September 6 <sup>th</sup>	To celebrate the Jewish New Year with a wish for a sweet and good year. (apples and honey)	Book / Discussion
Islamic New Year	Monday, Aug. 9 <sup>th</sup> .	To celebrate the Islamic New Year with a reflection for those who were oppressed.	Book / Discussion
Yom Kippur	Wednesday, Sept. 15 <sup>th</sup>	To reflect on making good choices for the new year.	Book / Discussion
Johnny Appleseed Day	Sun., 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
Columbus Day / Indigenous Peoples Day	Monday, October 11 <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
Fire Prevention Week	Monday, October 4 <sup>th</sup>	To understand the importance of following fire drills and staying safe.	Exercise
World Food Day	Saturday, October 16 <sup>th</sup>	To acknowledge the need for food in our community. Food drive this week.	Food Drive
Diwali	Thurs., Nov. 4 <sup>th</sup>	To celebrate the Hindu New Year and wish for a year filled with light.	Book Discussion
Veteran’s Day	Thurs., 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 Recycles	Monday. November 15 <sup>th</sup>	To practice recycling and emphasize “reduce” as a choice. This is a school wide event as a circuit.	Circuit learning how to sort items
Shared Feast	Tuesday, November 23 <sup>rd</sup>	To enjoy a meal together. This is a school wide event.	Sharing a meal together

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Thanksgiving (School closed Thurs. & Fri)	Thursday, November 25 <sup>th</sup>	To acknowledge the interdependence between people that look and live differently	Books / Crafts
Hanukkah	Sunday, November 28 <sup>th</sup>	To introduce children to the festival of lights and the tradition of the dreidel game.	Book / Craft
Christmas	Saturday, December 25 <sup>th</sup>	To introduce children to the decorations used in this celebration.	Book / Craft
Kwanzaa	Sun. December 26 <sup>th</sup>	To introduce children to the seven principals.	Book / Craft
Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday	Week of Monday, January 17 <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	Tues. Feb. 1 <sup>st</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	Wed., February 2 <sup>nd</sup>	To discuss the calendar item of Groundhog Day and await spring.	Discussion
100 Days of School	Wed, February 9th Depending on weather closings	To culminate the kindergarten class count-down to 100. Following the ZERO the HERO curriculum.	Kindergarten Count Down
Valentines' Day	Monday. Feb. 14th	To acknowledge a special friend with good wishes. All cards made in class.	Share one Valentine with an assigned classroom friend
President's Day	Monday, February 21 <sup>st</sup>	To celebrate patriotism across America.	Book / Discussion
<b>Read Across America</b>	<b>Wed, March 2<sup>nd</sup></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>School Wide Read In</b>

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Holi	Fri, March 18 <sup>th</sup>	To celebrate Spring and festival of colors. Victory of good over bad.	Book / Color craft
Passover	Fri. April 15 <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
Easter	Sunday, April 17 <sup>th</sup>	To introduce children to the celebration of spring.	Book / Discussion
Earth Day	Fri., April 22 <sup>nd</sup>	To celebrate the importance of caring for our Earth.	School Planting
Arbor Day	Fri. April 29 <sup>th</sup>	To celebrate the joy of trees.	School plantings
Cinco De Mayo	Thurs., 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	Sunday, May 8 <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	Monday, May 30 <sup>th</sup>	To acknowledge that people have died to make our country what it is today.	Book
Art Show	Friday, June 3 <sup>rd</sup>	To showcase the work of students during the year.	Showcase
Last Day of School	Friday, June 17 <sup>th</sup>	Half day	
Juneteeth	Friday, June 17 <sup>th</sup>	National Independence Day acknowledging the freedom of enslaved persons.	
Father's Day	Sunday, June 19 <sup>th</sup>	To acknowledge that Father's Day is celebrated to honor anyone who is important in your life.	Books and crafts