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Lesson Plan

Course / Grade Level: Social Studies

- Grade 2

Topic/Title:

- Family Holiday Traditions

Historical Time Period(s):

- Past – Present (Contemporary America)

Thematic Question:

- What are your family's holiday traditions?

Standards/Benchmarks/Indicators:

- Social Studies: Geography, Human Systems
9. Interactions among cultures lead to sharing ways of life

Materials/Resources:

1. Letter telling families that their child is learning about traditions and what that means. The families are asked to share and talk to relatives about traditions in their family centered around a holiday. Also, asking permission for video-taping child as part of class activity so the child can watch themselves and peers.
2. A form for the family to fill out so the child can remember what was discussed at home.
3. Pencil
4. Handwriting paper
5. Video camera to have children share what they have learned in their families about holiday traditions (reflection).

Motivation (Attention Grabber):

- Bring in an item or share a special story about one of your family traditions. A video of someone sharing a holiday tradition would be an attention grabber. It also lets the child see what they will be doing in class.

Activities:

1. Send home letter and form.
2. Students use that information to write in own words a description of their family's different holiday traditions.
3. The students will edit their work so that it is correctly written and others will understand it.
4. They practice with desk partners taking turns reading for fluency and confidence.
5. The students are video-taped sharing what their traditions are and what they have learned about traditions (reflection).

Assessment:

Different types of assessments can be used along with different types of rubrics.

1. Writing Assessment for complete sentences, on topic, punctuation, capitalization, sequencing, and neatness.
2. Speaking and listening assessment for sharing ideas and thoughts with neighboring desk partners and video presentation.
3. Social Studies assessment for completed family project and reflection.)