In December, our class will be studying the traditions & celebrations from the diverse cultural backgrounds of classmates and community members. We will be talking about traditions as something special that you do over & over from year to year. Each child will have the opportunity to share a family tradition with the class. Preparing for this activity will count as one of the homework activity choices in December.

Please help your child complete the attached page and bring an item to share with our class. You are welcome to use photos or to have your child draw about the tradition. Each child will share about his or her tradition orally. We will display all of the pages in our classroom during December. Your child's sharing item will be sent home the same day.

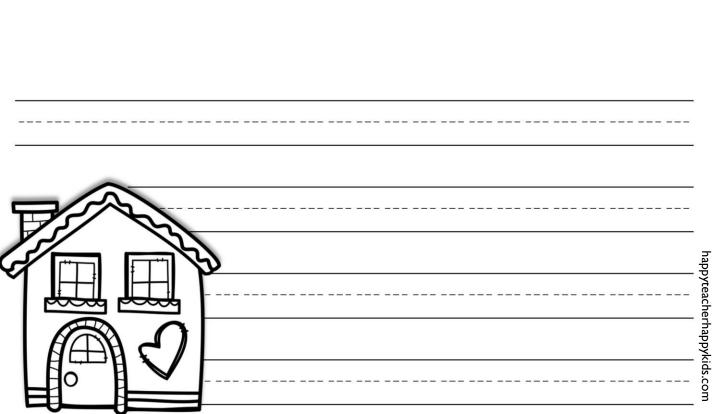
Examples of winter family traditions could be:

- \*a special food (your child is welcome to bring in a traditional food to share with the class if you would like, email me to set up the details)
- \*a special decoration
- \*going skiing at a certain place each year
- \*visiting relatives for a special trip
- \*a song or game
- \*an outfit you wear

Your child may share on the following day:

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## OPTIONAL! Stocking Stuffer Activity



As we learn about the traditions & celebrations of our classmates, community members, & beyond this December, we will also be focusing on ways to be a respectful & inclusive friend to others.

This December, each child will be creating a holiday stocking in class. Throughout the month the children will be writing positive notes with compliments or affirmations for each fellow classmate. These notes will then be put into the stockings. Your child will bring home a stocking "stuffed with love" on the last day before winter break.

Your child is also welcome to bring in a small stocking stuffer to put in each stocking. **This is completely optional!** If your child does choose to bring in stocking stuffers please follow these guidelines:

*we have	students in our class (be sure to have one for
everyone)	

- \*it can be homemade or store-bought
- \*it needs to be something small
- \*it can be sent to school anytime between \_\_\_\_\_

## Stocking Stuffer Ideas:

pencil, eraser, sticker, one piece of a wrapped candy (mini candy cane, tootsie roll, etc.), bookmark, small drawing by your child, friendship bracelet, hot cocoa mix packet, temporary tattoo, mini container of play dough, recycled crayon, etc)

## (Fet Ready for Grinch Day/ will be having lots of grinchy fun! We will enjoy math & literacy activities all

centered around The Grinch.

Your child is welcome to dress up for this fun day. Ideas include: wearing green, trying out some Who inspired hairdos, or wearing antlers like the Grinch's dog Max to name a few. Have fun!

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## I hope these notes help you out this December! Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns. Thank you for visiting my website!

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