

Holidays around the World

December Newsletter

December was a beautiful month of learning, celebration, and cultural appreciation at Growing Minds Montessori School. Our theme, **Holidays Around the World**, allowed students to explore meaningful traditions from different cultures and families within our community. We focused on five major holidays:

Diwali, Eid, Christmas, Hanukkah & Chinese New Year!

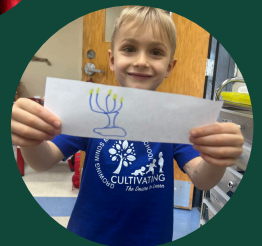
Highlights of the month

Throughout the month, the children participated in circle-time discussions where we talked about

- How families celebrate these holidays
- Special foods enjoyed during these celebrations
- Traditional clothing and customs
- Similarities and differences across cultures

Students completed a variety of crafts, worksheets, push-pinning activities, and paintings, each highlighting an element from the different holidays. We also enjoyed singing seasonal songs and sharing stories connected to each celebration.

A special highlight of the month was our **Holiday Presentation**. We were incredibly blessed to have several parent volunteers host tables representing each holiday. They shared cultural items, traditions, meaningful explanations, and kept the children engaged in hands-on learning. Their contributions made this month even more memorable and enriching for our students.



Thank you to our volunteer parents

A heartfelt **THANK YOU** to the parents who dedicated their time, energy, and love to teach our students about their holidays.

Your participation brought the curriculum to life, helped spark curiosity, and created such meaningful experiences for all of our children.

Parents of the month



We want to proudly recognize our December Parents of the Month:

- Mrs. Byrd
- Mrs. Kanji
- Mrs. Chen
- Mr. & Mrs. Bander

Thank you for your generosity, creativity, and ongoing support. You each played an important role in making this month special for the entire school.

Birthdays



- Pioneers Mirra turned 4
- Explorers Jayliz turned 6



Pajama Day

We had so much fun watching Holiday shows and movies, eating popcorn, reading, playing games etc..... ending the year with so much fun!!!!!!



Field Trip

We ended an amazing month with a fun field trip to ICE at the Gaylord Palms Hotel. It was a fun, COLD experience!



December was truly filled with joy, learning, and community. We are **grateful** for **every** family that helped create such a magical and educational experience for our students.

Liam is so proud and excited to be a big brother. Congratulations to the Fitts family on the arrival of your new baby!



Thank You ❤️

Thank you to all the parents for your generosity.
For the holiday gifts, cards and sweets.
The teachers are grateful and appreciative!

Upcoming Events

- Monday January 19th : No School Martin Luther King
- Field Trip on January 30th to Brevard Zoo - permission slip back until January 16th