

Celebrations Around the World

	Theme	Geography	Circle & Share Day	Montessori	<u>Enrichment Overview</u> Music: Peter Ilyich Tchaikovsky, was a Russian composer of the romantic period, some of whose works are among the most popular music in the classical repertoire. He was the first Russian composer whose music made a lasting impression internationally, bolstered by his appearances as a guest conductor in Europe and the United States. He composed the Nutcracker Suite which is still treasured by children today. Art: Edgar Degas was a French artist famous for his paintings, sculptures, prints, and drawings. He is especially identified with the subject of dance; more than half of his works depict dancers. He is regarded as one of the founders of Impressionism, although he rejected the term, preferring to be called a realist. Cooking: Children will explore different traditional dishes and snacks from around Europe. They will spend time making French Crepes, English shortbread, Irish Soda Bread and Greek Salad. If time allows, a little holiday treat for home as well! Computer: ABCmouse.com curriculum will be followed and children will be self-paced and tracked through language, math and reading. Music tone and pitch matching will be introduced this month. Spanish: Children will continue to practice previous months vocabulary, songs and be introduced to holiday vocabulary, as well as the names of seasons, colors and numbers 1- 10. Books, songs, games and movement will be used to facilitate learning.
Week 1 12/3-12/7	Celebrations Around the World *Hanukkah *Traditions	Europe *Northern Countries *Traditional Food	Calendar Routine Discussion: School Giving Tree Book: The Giving Tree Share Day (Friday): What holiday do you celebrate? Show us	Zoology: Horse Botany: Conifer Trees Science: Liquid vs. Solid Art: Menorah Grace/Courtesy: Covering a Cough	
Week 2 12/10-12/14	Celebrations Around the World *Kwanzaa *Traditions	Europe *Western Countries *Landmarks	Calendar Routine Discussion: Holidays – Respectful of Differences Book: The Giving Tree Share Day (Friday): Favorite picture you drew	Zoology: Parts of Horse Botany: Pinecones Science: What is a gas? Art: Pinecone Art Grace/Courtesy: How to Offer	
Week 3 12/17-12/21	Celebrations Around the World *Christmas Traditions *Christmas Around the World	Europe *Eastern Countries *Flags/Map	Calendar Routine Discussion: Winter Solstice Book: The Giving Tree Share Day (Friday): Favorite game to share on Friday	Zoology: Parts of a Reindeer Botany: Douglas Fir Science: Liquid, Solid & Gas comparison Art: Ornament Grace/Courtesy: Yes Please & No Thank You	
Week 4 12/24-1/1	School Closed 12/24 – 1/1 (School Resumes 1/2)				

*Each child has an individualized lesson plan in alignment with the Montessori Curriculum. This calendar represents an overview of concepts that will be introduced over the month and may not reflect exact lessons for your child.