



# ZEEPIA Newsletter

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Holidays are celebrated worldwide and are a welcome break, and a chance to observe important events. Many communities in the world today are culturally diverse. It is important not to assume that all families celebrate the same holidays.

### FOR TEACHERS

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When you work with diverse families in your school, you are almost certain to encounter child-rearing practices and ideas about children that are different than your own. These are influenced by values, culture, education, religious views, and even the books and movies parents have read and watched. Some holidays have little or no appropriate content for young children. Even meaningful holidays used as topics are made trivial and inappropriate if they are reduced to look-alike crafts and commercials symbols.

### FOR PARENTS

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It is inevitable that the children in your child's classroom and school will come from families whose culture, religion, race ethnicity and lifestyle are different from you own. In order to support all children and families it is necessary to respect these differences. Your views of a good family have their origins in your own family, they reflect your culture and your experiences. Holiday's provide a great opportunity to learn about our diverse world.

### FOR BOTH TEACHERS & PARENTS

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Often holidays can be used in the classroom and at home as the basis for understanding the diversity of cultures in your community and in the world as a whole. Some holidays have an impact on children's lives and can be studied in terms of your own culture, the joys of family celebrations, and their impact on children.





## Winter

Christmas,  
Kwanzaa,  
New Year's Day,  
Lunar New Year,  
Valentine's Day



# HOLIDAY FOR EVERY SEASON

## Summer

Children's Day,  
Father's Day,  
World Ocean's Day,  
Birthday's,  
Graduation Day

## Fall

Halloween,  
Dead of the Dead,  
Rosh Hashanah,  
Independence Day,  
Thanksgiving

## Spring

Ramadan,  
Easter,  
St. Patrick's Day,  
Mother's Day,  
Earth Day

*'See the world  
through the eye  
of a child*



Christmas



Lunar New Year



Earth Day

Information about Holidays and Young Children inspired by *'Who Am I In the Lives of Young Children'*  
by S. Feeney, E. Moravcik, & Doris Christensen, 2006

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