

Dear Parents,

This week our class will be reading two very special books that will teach children to value and accept others based on the qualities of their characters, as opposed to prejudging others on outward characteristics. Hopefully, through the discussions and lessons learned by the children, this will contribute to further build our classroom community of learners, so that ALL students can feel safe, liked, and accepted by their peers. The books we will read are: *Bein' With You This Way*, by [REDACTED] and *The Colors of Us*, by Karen Katz.

At the end of this week, our class will conduct a special Unit Culmination Celebration activity that emphasizes the Love and Friendship concepts that students have been learning throughout this entire month. We need your help to gather light snacks for the children to eat during this special activity. Please review the list below, and help us gather the needed items. You may send these to school with your child any day of the week Monday – Thursday, so we can have them ready for Friday's celebration.

If any of you would like to come help us set up and distribute the snacks on Friday, please let me know. We would welcome the help! Otherwise, we invite you to stop by after our Friday celebration to admire the beautiful Hand Wreath the children will create during this special activity, and we thank you so much for the support you provide for your child and our class.

Gratefully,

Your Child's Teacher,

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Culmination Celebration Snack Donations Needed:

1. French Toast "fingers" (bite-sized strips)
2. Chocolate cup cakes
3. Butterscotch candies
4. Toffee candies
5. Pizza bites or slices
6. Ginger snap cookies
7. Peach nectar, juice, slices, etc.
8. Chocolate milk, hot cocoa, etc.
9. Honey
10. Sour cream, onion & chives, dip
11. Crackers to spread toppings on
12. Snickerdoodle cookies sprinkled with cinnamon