

Christmas Around the World

Dear Parents,

The Fourth Grade has been assigned their Social Studies project for the second trimester. They will use the fantastic research skills they used in their Saint Wax Museum project to complete a project titled: "Christmas Around The World". Each student picked a country out of a hat, and they are to research how Christmas is celebrated in their chosen country. Suggested websites and note-taking pages are attached and available on the "Christmas Around the World" folder of the home page of the Saint Mary Library website. Your guidance is appreciated, but students are capable of completing this project on their own.

Students are to use the attached graphic organizer to record their information. Details about presentation materials to follow!

Part of this project requires students to bring in at least one prop that is a part of their country's Christmas tradition. This prop can be in the form of music, games, clothing, etc. They can also make the prop. Creativity is key!

This project is due on December 18, 2015. At this time, students will make a short presentation to the class. They will then "travel" around the world, explore the display boards of their classmates, and learn how the magic of Christmas is celebrated all around the world!

Throughout this project, students will utilize their research and note taking skills, as well as their public speaking ability. Thank you for your support and guidance!

Please sign below to indicate you are aware of this project, and let me know if you have any questions!

Ms. Geraghty

(Please keep the top of this paper for your reference!)

I have read the description and requirements for this assignment. Please sign and return by Monday, December 7. If you have any questions about this assignment, please write them on the back of this paper.

(Parent Signature)

(Student Name)

<u>Guiding Questions</u>	<u>Draw a picture of what you found!</u>
Name of Country: _____ Flag:	*Think! Where is it on the map? In what continent is your country located? Draw a picture of the flag!
Traditional Festive Foods:	Draw some examples!

Flag:

Draw a picture of the flag!

Draw some examples!

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Christmas Decorations:

Draw a picture of the decorations!

Holiday Traditions:

Draw a picture of what you found!

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What language do the people in your country speak?

How do you wish each other *Merry Christmas* in your country's language?

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<u>Additional Space for Notes Relating to Christmas in your Country:</u>	<u>Additional Space for Notes Relating to Christmas in your Country:</u>

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Below is a list of recommended websites to help you discover information about your country! Remember, you can also access this list from the "Christmas Around the World" folder on the Saint Mary Library Website! If you need additional note taking pages, you can access them on this folder as well!

Recommended Websites

<http://www.history.com/topics/christmas/christmas-traditions-worldwide>

<http://www.saintnick.org/html/traditions.html>

<http://www.kids-world-travel-guide.com/christmas-around-the-world.html>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/15790210>

Countries

Mexico	China
Russia	India

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Peru	South Korea
Jamaica	Japan
England	Ireland
Italy	Czech Republic
Sweden	Denmark
Germany	Thailand
Australia	New Zealand
Hawaii	Spain
Brazil	India
Greenland	Ukraine
Venezuela	Iceland
Lebanon	Egypt
Ghana	Philippines
Finland	