Dear Parents, September, 2013

Our students are participating in a Sharing Traditions project where they will write short narrative essays on the following topics:

* Who am I?
* Dining and Food
* Holidays and Traditions

Each essay will be posted on our class blog. Our class blog will be shared with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_’s class from \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Elementary School in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_{city, state}. Students from the other school will read your child’s essays and be able to comment on what was written. The project will last three months. The students will focus on one topic during each month.

As an extension to the essays, we will be asking students to bring in pictures that can be posted on our blog. **This portion of the project is optional.**

Our blog will be shared with students in another class from another school. It will be protected by a password that is only shared with the participating teachers.

If you feel uncomfortable sending in photos of people, you can still share photos of food and other items that will help enhance your child’s essays.

**We need your permission to post pictures or any other items they want to share.** Please attach a photo permission slip to any picture you send in to be posted. There are permission slips attached to this letter. If you run out of permission slips, feel free to just send in a note with your child’s name, the date, the topic, a brief description of the photo, and your signature. Pictures will be returned at the conclusion of our project.

If you have any questions, please contact your child’s teacher.

Thanks,

Team 5 Teachers

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Parent Signature: Date: Child’s Name:

Date:

Picture topic:

Brief description of the photo:

Parent signature:

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