

October 7, 2013

Dear Extended Day Parents,

On **Thursday, October 24**, we will celebrate **UN Day** in our classroom. UN Day is celebrated in many schools all over the world. It has particular relevance to the citizens of the United States, as almost all of our families emigrated here from other countries. We feel that this is a good opportunity to discuss with your children your family's heritage and ancestry. You might like to take some time to share pictures and stories about your ancestors or relatives, or show your child any family treasures or keepsakes that have been handed down through the generations.

For our school celebration on **Thursday, October 24**, we are inviting the children to wear a simple outfit that reflects some part of their family's ethnic heritage or cultural identity. We will gather as a class for lunch at 12:00. Each student is asked to bring a dish-to-pass and a note with the country it represents (8-10 servings). Please bring the food by 11 a.m. It is essential to remember the no tree-nut and no peanut policy. No additional lunch is needed on Thursday. Parents are welcome to join us if they would like.

During the week preceding UN Day, the children will be making flags and doing research on the countries and peoples that form their ethnic background. In order for us to help each child with this project, please fill out the slip below with your child's ethnic background by **Tuesday, October 15th**.

Thanks! Merci! Danke! Gracias!
Sarah & Liz

Child's Name: _____

Ethnic background represented: _____