

Come on In! How Directors and Teachers Can Use Rituals and Traditions to Create Community!

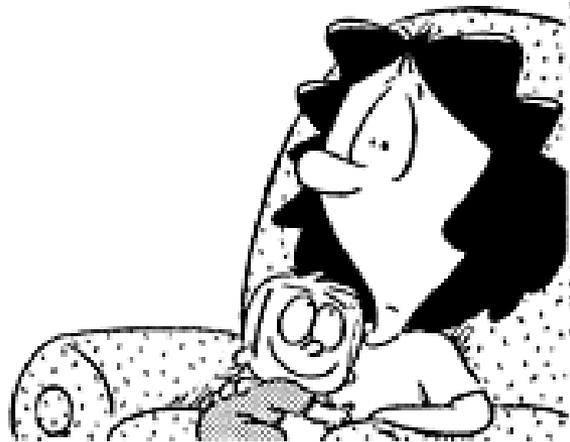


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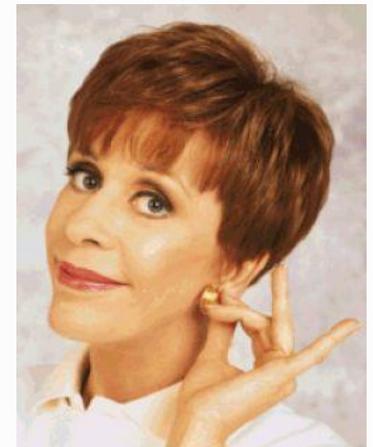


“Be kind to one another”



RITUALS and TRADITIONS...

**“I am so glad we had this
time together...”**





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WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD



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**We've been waiting for you
to come to this place,
waiting for you to come to this place,
wherever your from,
we're glad that you've come.
We've been waiting for you to come to this place!**

--Bev Bos

POLL

“I’ve learned that people
will forget what you said,
people will forget what you did,
**but people will never forget
how you made them feel.”**

—Maya Angelou

People



GOALS OF SESSION

1. We will consider the importance of creating a caring community in our programs and HOW creating rituals and traditions are important in this process.
2. What are “rituals and traditions” for programs?
3. A place to start: our memories and experiences as a groundwork to building rituals and traditions.
4. A variety of examples of rituals and traditions from programs will be presented to spur your own.



MEMORIES...



MEMORIES

by Tom Hunter

**What do you remember from the time you were a child?
Do you think of moments memory knows well?
Are there little things like trinkets
you carry with you now.
That trigger stories memory wants to tell?**

POLL

ROUTINES:

Routines are events that regularly occur in a certain order. Routines help children learn the order of what happens during the day and to know what comes next in a day.

RITUALS:

“Rituals are procedures or routines that are infused with deeper meaning. They help make common experiences uncommon events”
(Deal & Peterson 1999, 32).

TRADITIONS:

Traditions are meaningful events or experiences that a class or program has created and that are expected to occur regularly.



Pillars of Security—Building Community

--Jim Greenman

• **PEOPLE**



• **PLACE**



• ROUTINE



RITUALS



• TRADITIONS

"Our individual lives are ordered and made meaningful with daily rites... the first cup of coffee, goodbye kisses, routes taken to school or work...Ritual joins routine and the physical order as the secure skeleton that holds individuals and groups together in those times of stress, against the uncertainties of staff and children who come and go... Adults have rites to help their lives, of beginnings—birthdays, marriage...of passages... These rites are marked by symbolic acts that have great meaning and emotional power... Ritual serves the same purpose in children's programs. Group daily rites—i.e. sharing the same song and the same story day after day---reassure against the unknown void. Children under age three will listen to Goodnight Moon by Margaret Wise Brown with delight at every rest time. There are acknowledged rites of passage—children give up diapers, naps, or leave for school. Individual rituals between children and caregivers can become pinions of security---a special touch, a shared joke, any regular shared exchange."

--Jim Greenman



What Are the Key Elements of a Ritual?

Intentionality:

Ask yourself what you want to achieve by creating a ritual. What are you hoping children, teachers, and families will experience or gain from this ritual?

Individualization:

When rituals have special meaning to the people involved, they are effective for that group. Part of creating rituals is adding elements that specifically relate to the children you teach.

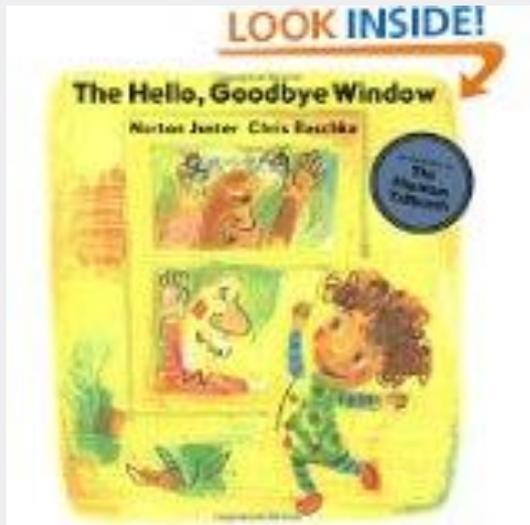
Tools and Techniques:

Young children learn best when they are involved in active, hands-on experiences that engage their senses and are repeated over time.



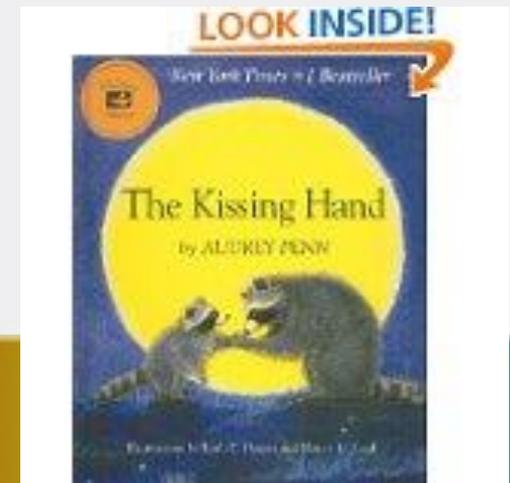
**How do we organize rituals
and traditions?**

Daily Rituals...



Beginning of
Day...

Goodbye Window

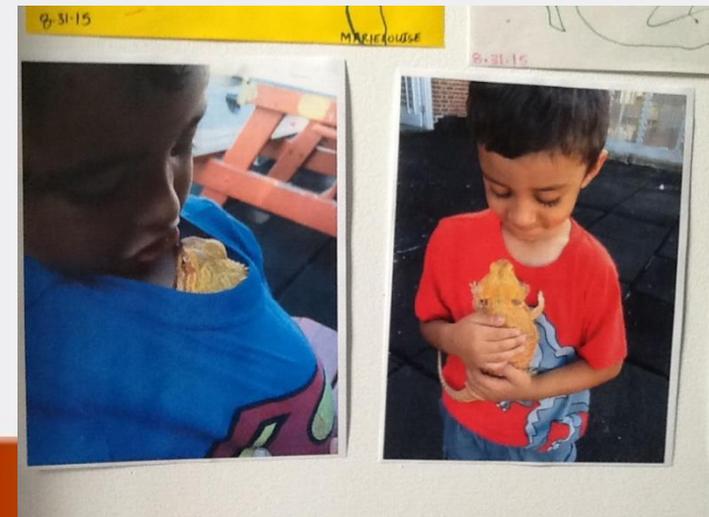


Daily Rituals...

Pets



Neo-Fire





And End of Day...

Visits to the Office!



DAILY SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL RITUALS

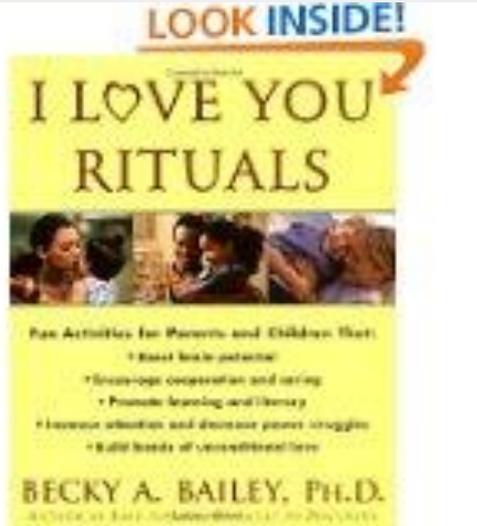
Puppets as daily friends...



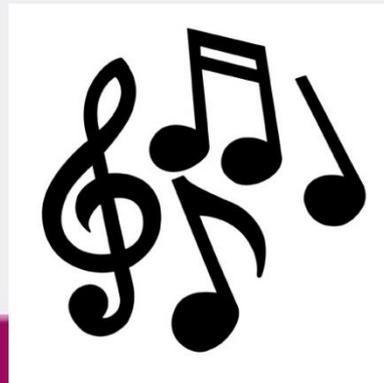
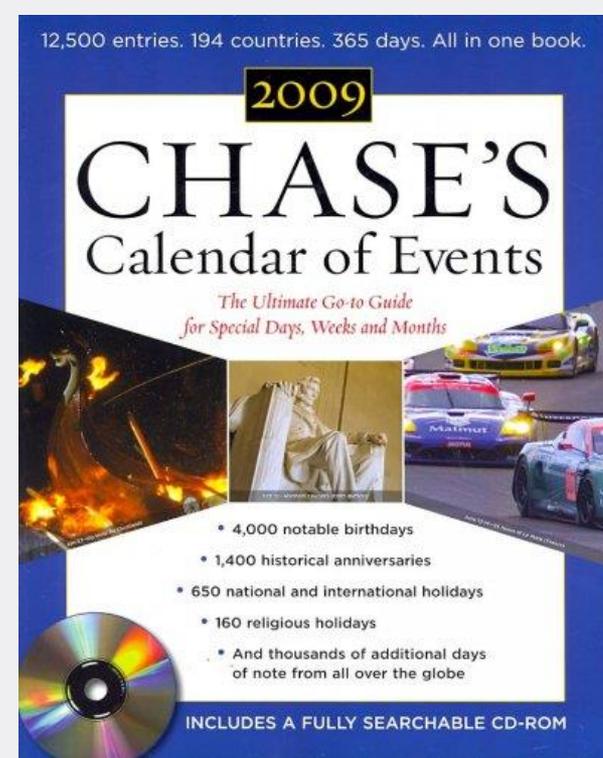
I LOVE YOU RITUALS

A wonderful woman lived in a shoe.
She had so many children
She knew exactly what to do.
She held them, she rocked them,
She tucked them in bed,
“I love you, I love you”,
Is what she said.

--Becky Bailey

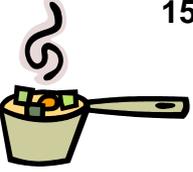
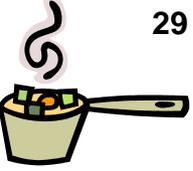


Weekly Rituals...



Special Weeks

ROUTINES CAN BECOME RITUALS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 	2 	STAY AT HOME 3 DAY 
4 	HAPPY FACE DAY 5 	6  	7 	8 	FIELD TRIPS 9 	10 
11 	12 	13 MUSIC DAY  	14 CHAPTER BOOK DAY 	15 	16 	17 
18 	19 	20   GREEN STAR DAY	21 	22 COOKING DAY 	23 	24 
25 	26 	27  	28 	29 	30 	



MONDAY

MONDAY MORNING MEMO



We have a **sled dog visiting this Friday, on July 29th**. The woman will bring her sled dog, Sadie, a sled on wheels, equipment and a book on sled dogs to read to the children. Please make sure to put a note on your sign in sheets and let us know if anyone has an allergy to dogs that families mention and we will keep them away from this activity.



Join me in congratulating Ms. **Nicki who just got engaged!** We are so excited for you!

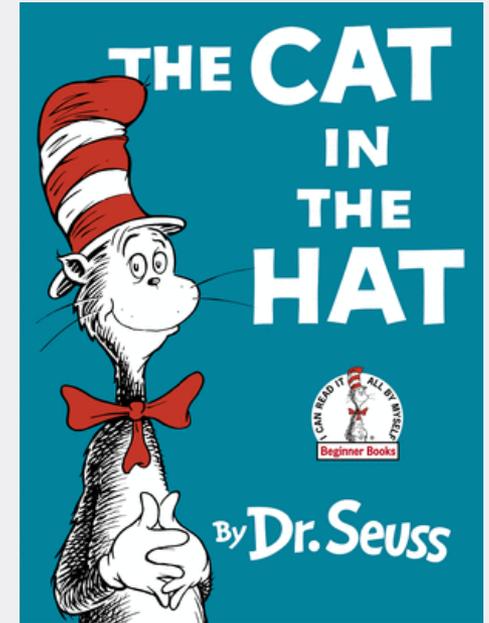


Also, with so much planned this summer, I waived on having pajama day in July and August. Parents and children love it but if you think it will be too much, please let me know by Tuesday morning. If there are no issues with it, I will let families and children that we are on for Pajama Day over the summer. The next **Pajama Day** would be Monday.

*** The key to success is simple.
Make people dream. ***
Gerard De Nerval

WEEKLY SPECIAL DAYS

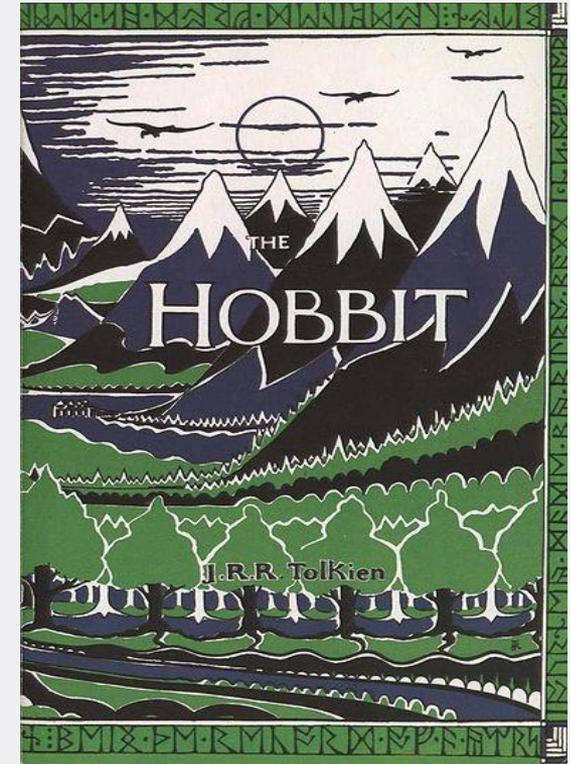
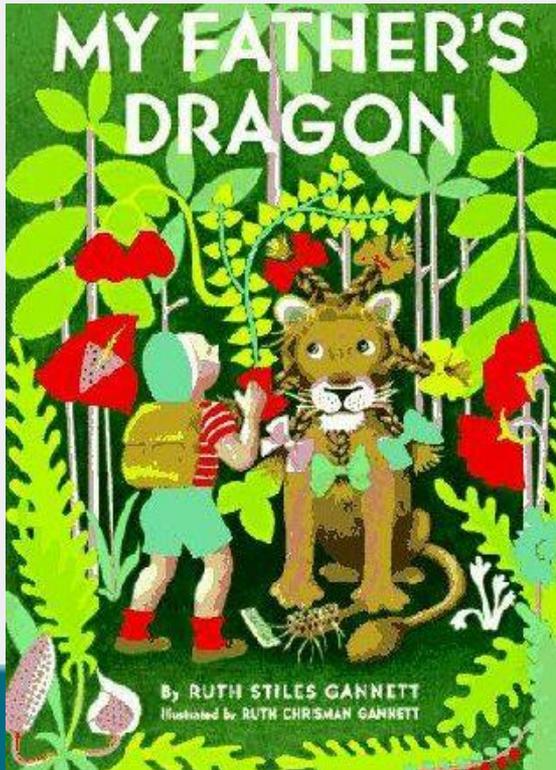
Dress as Your Favorite
Children's Book
Character



Dr Seuss'
Birthday

WEEKLY SPECIAL DAYS

CHAPTER BOOKS AND STORYTELLING



WEEKLY SPECIAL DAYS

FIELD TRIPS



Monthly Rituals...

Pajama day...



The Visits

November

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
					PANDA DAY 	SET CLOCKS 1 BACK 	
2	SANDWICH DAY 3 	VOTING 4 	5	SAX DAY 6 	7	SWEET POTATO 8 DAY 	
9	SESAME STREET 10 STREET DAY 	VETERAN'S 11 DAY 	12	WORLD KINDNESS DAY 13 	international girls day 4 	15	RECYCLE DAY 
16	HOMEMADE BREAD DAY 17 	18	ROCKY AND BULLWINKLE DAY 19 	20	UNIVERSAL CHILDREN'S DAY 	21	22
MOTHER GOOSE DAY 23 	24	SUNDAE DAY 25 	PUZZLE DAY 26 	27	Thanksgiving 	28	29

Monthly Rituals...



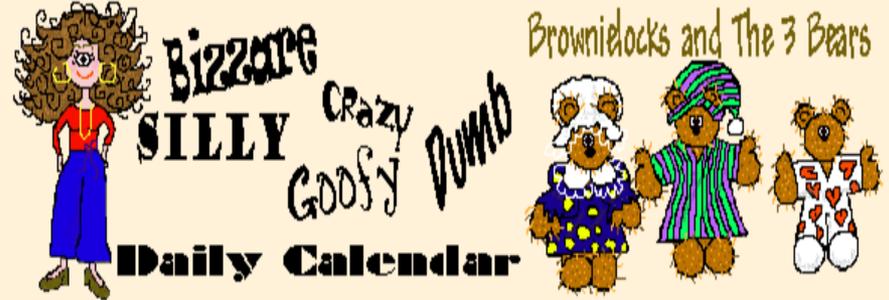
FRIENDSHIP DAY

DETECTIVE DAY



Brownielocks and The 3 Bears present

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
1 *All Saints' Day *Hockey Mask Day *Dia de Los Muertos *Extra Mile Day *Give Up Your Shoulds Day *National Authors' Day	2 *All Souls Day *Cookie Monster Day Fill Our Staplers Day Job Action Day *International Day to End Impunity for Crimes Against Journalists *Plan Your Epitaph Day	3 *Cliché Day Election Day *Sandwich Day *SOS Day Traffic Directors Day	4 *National Chicken Lady Day *Use Your Common Sense Day	5 National Men Make Dinner Day *National Love Your Red Hair Day *Stout Day	6 *International Day for Preventing the Exploitation of the Environment in War and Armed Conflict National Medical Science Liaison Awareness & Appreciation Day *National Nachos Day *Saxophone Day Domino Day	7 Digital Scrapbooking Day *National Bittersweet Chocolate with Almonds Day Pumpkin Destruction Day Sadie Hawkins Day Sausage and Kraut Day	

Yearly Rituals... that may become Traditions

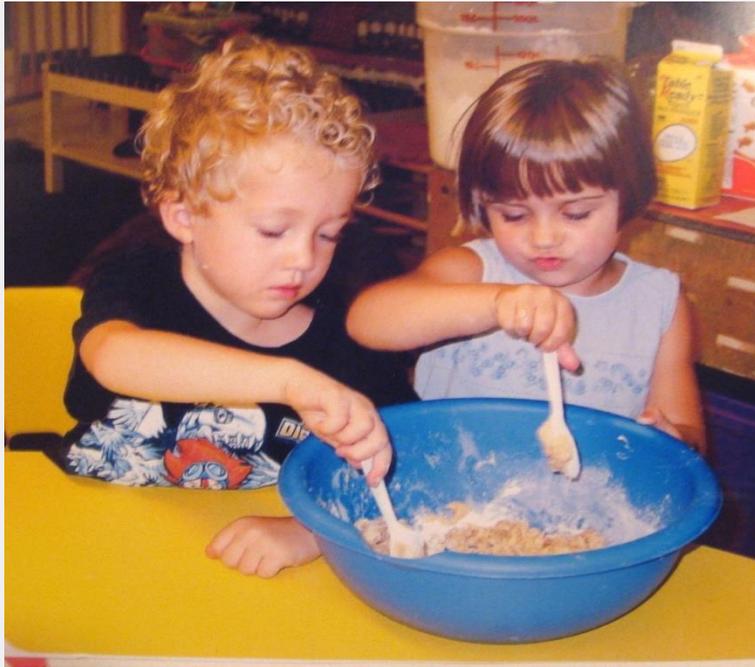
I LOVE YOU DINNER

A traditional family event co-created with the children, is the "I Love You Dinner".

Children write invitations, make a menu, go grocery shopping, decorate the room, pick songs to sing, cook all the food, and serve their families.



Sam is shopping with Daniel and Sara.



I LOVE YOU DINNER

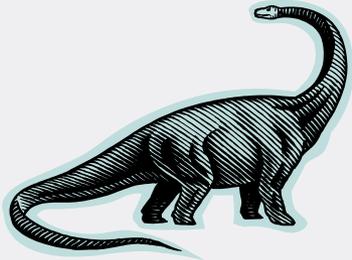
Over 20 years!!!



WELCOME TO THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR!



**Snail mail
letters to the
children to start
off the school
year!!**





Week of the Young Child Festivities



The week of **April 6th-12th**, LCC will be celebrating the Week of the Young Child, sponsored by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC). This week honors young children and the professionals who educate them. We will be planning special activities and experiences every day throughout the week culminating in our Spring Party on Friday in which we will have a Petting Zoo! We hope to spend a great deal of time outside with every Pod taking a nature hike on the trail to discover new animals, plants and life in the great outdoors.



STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAYS

CLUES for LCC Amazing Race



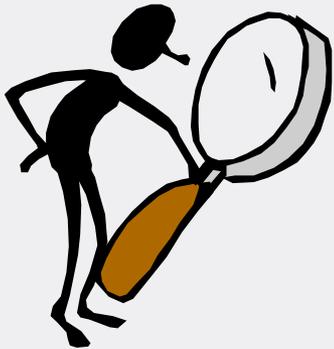
Ballet Petite
Not a swan but lovely despite the sprains and strains. Just ask Angelina.

You will learn the five ballet positions and the Good Day song. You must do all of the above for the instructor to receive your next clue.

STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAYS

PROCESS ART Scavenger Hunt (Top Secret)

This is your mission. You must work as a team to find as many items (as humanly possible) on the list below.



Your mission over the next 2.5 hours:

___ one item that is purple

___ two items that can be used to create a structure over 2 feet tall

___ three items NEW process art projects you will try with your class

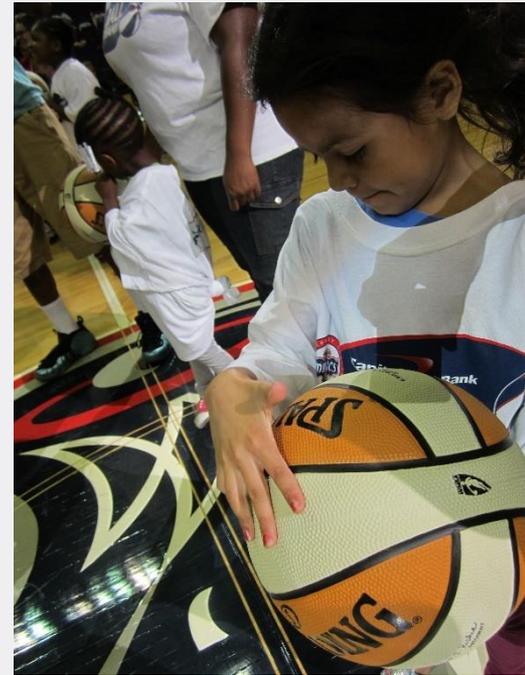
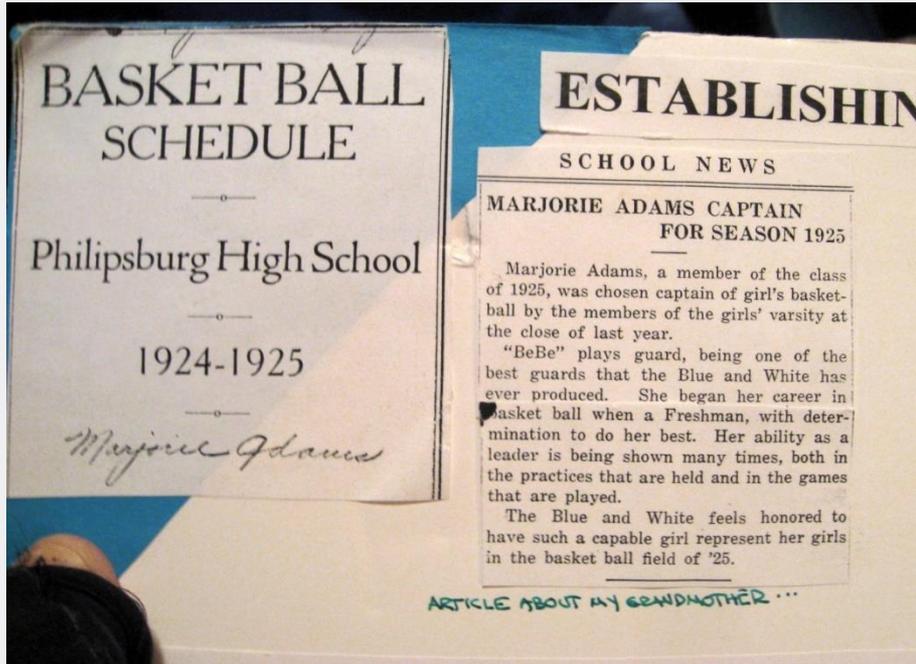
End of Year Celebration. Celebrating Milestones...



Seasonal Rituals...



Basketball



Bean Cake



We establish



Hatching....

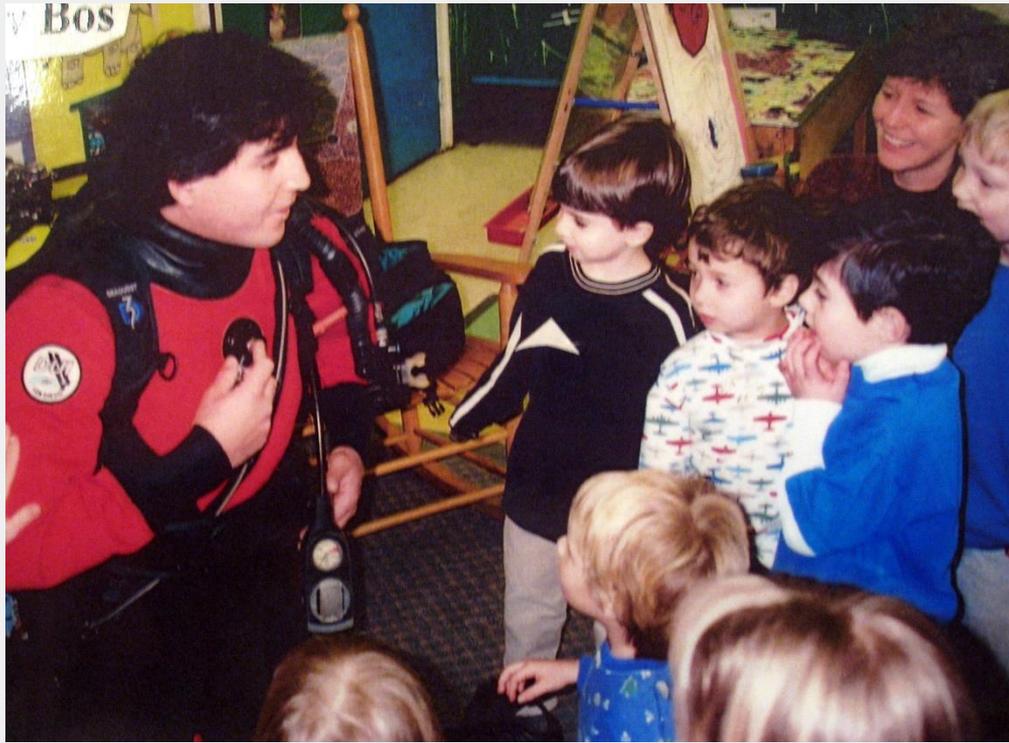


Holiday Rituals and Special Celebration Rituals... Carrying them on





CULTURAL AND RELIGIOUS RITUALS AND TRADITIONS



**INVOLVE
FAMILIES**



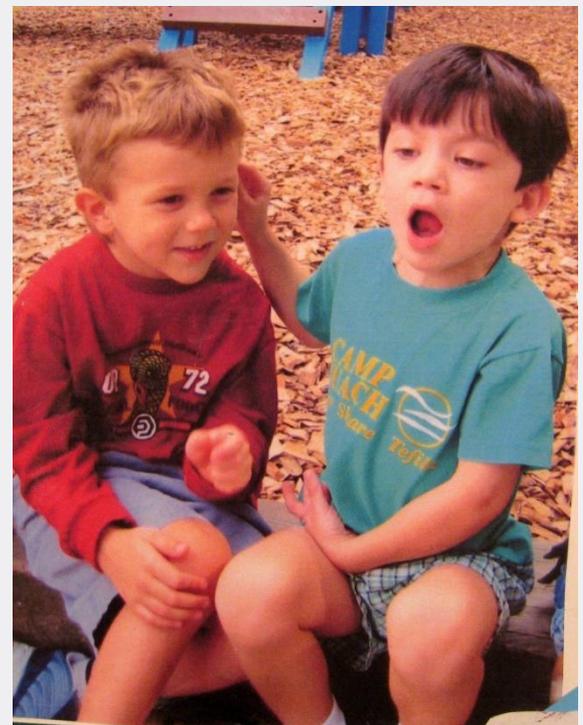
TRADITIONS LAST FOREVER!!!



Creating Community



Creating Connections



Creating Rituals and Traditions



**And what about the children you
find around you now?
Are you making time to sing and
talk and play?
So someday they'll have
memories
of love and being loved,
Protection that will never go
away.**



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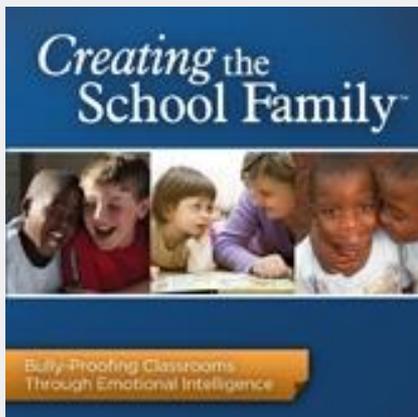
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