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## Happy Eid El-Fitr and Diwali

### Notes from Ms. Holder

Have a fun and relaxing 5 day break! To those families celebrating Eid El-Fitr and Diwali have a wonderful weekend spending time with family and friends.

This week we are starting something new. For the rest of the year the children will tell you what they have been doing at school in their own words! My goal is to send you home their newsletter every other week. Enjoy!

### Spiders

Marius: They have two body parts and they have 8 legs. The black ones with the red dots are poisonous and they are called the black widow. I don't like the poisonous ones. The baby spiders spin a little web and jump down from a plant and then when the wind stops blowing them they land at their new home.

### An animal needs...

Anna: water, shelter, and food. Some of them need to hibernate. Cause like when it is really cold they hibernate to keep warm. I like a lot of different birds. Before the procession of the species in Olympia (Washington), my class would go down to the beach and bird watch and mark down all the birds we would see. We saw a lot of buffelheads, seagulls (a lot of seagulls), a few kingfishers. Usually my Dad spotted those kingfishers. Then we made our bird heads out of paper mache and we made our tails

out of feathers.

### Pyramids

Manar: The most interesting thing I saw there was the big rock. The big rock right before we went to Pizza hut. I touched a camel and it felt soft. The camel was brown. Mrs. Holder gave us paper to draw what we did at the pyramids. I drew three pyramids and my buddies, Annalisa and Kira.

### Halloween

Ilya: I liked the cupcakes at the party because they looked very cool and they tasted good. I liked my Mom being an alien. She was funny because if you cut the green paper off she would look like a butterfly. I liked when she said, "I'm not Ms. Melanie. I don't know who that is." I liked bobbing for apples because I like to get wet.

### Ramadan

Sam: During Ramadan you fast. I think that is hard. I tried it and I almost made it except for one hour before sunset. Then I ate cereal. Every single day and night I eat cereal. I have this chocolate stuff, this is my favorite, and mix it with some other stuff. Not everybody fasts but the Ramadans fast. My brother tried and he made it.

### Junie B. Jones

Juliette: It's a person in a book and she's funny. She has a whole collection of books. In the Halloween one, she thought candy corn was



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really not corn. Actually she figured it out. She told 5 secrets and one of them was a witch told her her face would turn into a wart. Her friend told her if you have really good hair, the bats will go into the hair.

### What is schema?

Hana: Schema is what you already know in your mind. Like if you get a book and you know about space, then you use your schema and what you already know and then you figure out that word. It's a way to learn about other things you don't know about.

### What is Shopping?

Yohaán: In school on Sunday, we get to shop for books to read. I like this because the first ones that sit at their desk get to go shopping first. We get to read the books and I love reading books.

### Writer's Workshop

Manuela: It's something that you write books in. I write one that's called the football game. I picked football because I am on a team. I like to write books and share them with everyone in my classroom.

### Counting on

James: If Mrs. Holder says you have 7 and asks you to count to 20 you say 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20. She wants to see how smart you are.

### Skip counting

Hayden: You skip like 2, 4, 6, 8. Like that. It's kind of hard for little kids and for big kids it's kind of in the middle. I like it a little bit but not very much. I like to count in 5's. 5, 10, 15,

20....

### Art

Annalisa: I paint and I draw and we make insects at art. I like making insects with play dough. My favorite is a butterfly. I made a ghost. We put some stuff in glue and then we take it off so we can make a head. Then we came back to art and glued on the mouth and eyes.

### Library

Kira: We check out books and we read books sometimes. I check out any book I like. I look at the pictures to see if I like it.

### PE

Bassam: We do gymnastics and we do the monkey hang. There are these bars—you hold your hand on the same place—then you hook your legs the same way you hook your hands. And you do the bird nest. I love everything about PE.

### Egyptian Culture

Taymour: We watch videos about Egyptians. They do a lot of stuff. They build the pyramids and take care of stuff like the pyramids & the causeway. They made a parade on the causeway for the king who died. Every single time there are 3 kings and their names are Khofu, Khafra and Menkara.

Have a great weekend and I will see  
you on Monday!