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POLICY:

Cultures and traditions are important to children and families when celebrating the holidays. When planning holiday celebrations, all children and families are to feel welcome and supported, free to share their ideas and know that their ideas are important. When planning holiday celebrations classroom staff should take into account all family's cultures and traditions.

PROCEDURE:

1. The holiday policy is discussed with parents at parent orientation.
2. On the first home visit the teaching staff will ask families to share their cultures and traditions. Staff will use this information to plan holiday celebrations.
3. At Halloween staff will follow their district policy concerning fall festivities.
4. Gift exchanges will not take place in the classrooms.
5. On Valentines Day cards will be available to parents upon request.
6. Each child's birthday is very special. Teachers will be sure that each child feels important on their birthday.
7. At no time is outside food allowed at school.
8. Children will participate in preparing nutritious foods at school. At least once a month a multicultural food experience will be provided.