

Dear Families/Caregivers,

Our diverse world requires that students learn how to interact and engage with people different from themselves. Cultural competence refers to our ability to act respectfully in order to communicate, understand, respect, and promote equality for all people.

We have been learning about people from different cultures. Our culture is the way we live, including the languages we speak, the clothes we wear, the foods we eat, and the holidays we celebrate. Some ways to understand different cultures include:

- **Take Time:** Spend time with people different from yourself. Ask them questions and listen to their answers!
- **Accept Differences:** When we accept each other's differences, we become better able to accept people for who they are.
- **Know Your Own Culture:** When we know our own culture, it is easier to understand and accept other cultures.
- **Enrich and Expand Your World:** When you explore new things with different people, you'll learn more about the world!

To help your child respect and learn about different cultures, watch TV and read books that highlight different cultures, beliefs and values.

When we celebrate our differences, we find more things that we have in common. Together, we can make our world a better, happier, and safer place for all of us.

Sincerely,

Your Child's Teacher