

## SHARING FAMILY HOLIDAY TRADITIONS

## **UPCOMING DATES:**

1/4/17 FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL IN 2017

1/15/17 NO SCHOOL; MLK HOLIDAY

2/9/17 FAMILY NIGHT AT
THE MAGIC HOUSE

One of the special (and valuable!) qualities about WUNS is that we are a diverse community, full of families from unique cultural backgrounds. Recently we invited parents to share a special family tradition, and/or to teach Sun Bear children about different parts of the world. For example, a mom visited and shared a beloved cookie recipe from her great-grandmother, a native of England (where they call cookies "biscuits.") Another mother helped us understand Japan's New Year, a multi-day celebration with special foods and decorations. A third mom described Eid, a festive holiday that ends a month-long fast with much joy, sweets, special clothing. A mom and dad visited and introduced us to Taiwan's New Year's holiday—this upcoming year will be the year of the Rooster. The children learned why the color red is important to display, as well as how rice balls are made (and taste!). And last but not least, a mom from the Panda Bears treated us to a delightful violin concert of holiday songs. What a great way to end 2016!

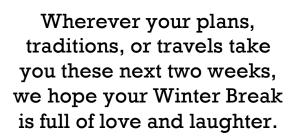














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