



# Family Newsletter for Unit 6

## Celebrating People and Cultures

### Learn About It

In this unit, your child will learn:

- how cultures affect how people live and their communities
- about cultural, religious, and national holidays and heroes

Here are some ways that you can help your child learn:

### Talk About It

Chapter 11: Customs Around the World

**Family culture** Culture includes day-to-day routines as well as what people eat, wear, and do for fun. Discuss with your child what the members of your family do as part of the culture of your family.

Chapter 12: Holidays and Heroes

**Heroes** Discuss the qualities of a national hero, such as Abraham Lincoln or Martin Luther King Jr. Then talk about local heroes, including people your child knows. What is the importance of having heroes?

### Make It

**Out of season food** Choose a food from your culture or a national holiday and make it. For example, you may choose an apple pie to celebrate the Fourth of July even if it's not July!

### Read to Learn More About It

*Dragon Parade*, by Steven A. Chin. An immigrant grocer introduces Chinese New Year celebrations to San Francisco.

*Hurray for the Fourth of July*, by Wendy Watson. Traditional songs and rhymes add to the celebration of the Fourth of July.

*Imani's Gift at Kwanzaa*, by Denise Burden-Patmon. Imani learns to celebrate Kwanzaa and share its meaning with another child.



### Technology

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