

Evergreen Community School

Honoring and Supporting Our Community's Diversity - An Invitation

Wonder is the beginning of wisdom.

—Socrates

At Evergreen we want everyone in the community to feel included, valued and honored. Wondering and learning about each other's cultures, traditions, values and celebrations expands our understanding of what is essential and important in our complex and multifaceted lives. In this process we can learn so many ways to express feelings of joy, connection, gratitude and respect while building a sense of community, belonging and friendship.

We invite you to answer a few initial questions to begin our conversation about making this a rich, thoughtful and creative year with respect to celebrating the changing seasons, the passing of important milestones and the sharing of holidays. Please feel free to provide information and ideas that your family feels comfortable sharing. *All questions are optional.*

Child's Name:

What are some of the ways in which you would like your family's culture to be affirmed and honored in school?

What are some of the most important cultural/religious/family practices and traditions that you might feel comfortable sharing with the wider community?

What would you like us to know about how you celebrate important family events?

Do you have culturally significant materials, experiences and resources you'd be willing to share with us and the children? We will gladly partner with you this year to find a variety of ways to include them in our community experiences.

Are there any other family cultural and/or religious considerations you'd like us to understand?

Thank you for sharing this information with us on this form, in your child's Family Book, and in any other way you'd like to do so.