The Second Grade Cultures project is one of the highlights of our year. Students have the opportunity to involve several family members in learning about and preparing a presentation on their family heritage. It is a big project covering many social studies, literacy and math standards. You will have a month to work on this. Please let me know of any questions or concerns you may have.

Second Grade Family Cultures Project

1. Students will research their family history and culture. They will write a paragraph that explains their family’s background and culture. Students will make a visual representation of their family culture (culture doll) and give an oral presentation. (Many students have multiple layers of family culture. Please pick no more than two for this project. You may use a U.S. state as family culture. Just be sure to help your child understand why this culture is unique.)

2. Students will use at least two sources (primary or secondary) to create family history. Students will list their sources on the attached page. At least one source must be an interview (parent, grandparent, etc.). This can be done at home or over the phone, email, etc. Feel free to use books and the internet for your second source. Please help your child use the following format:

   a) Book Title by Author.
   b) Interview with Grandma on November 7, 2015.
   c) Name of website. Web address.

3. Students will create a timeline with 5-7 important events in their family’s history. They may do this on paper or with a tool such as http://www.readwritethink.org/files/resources/interactives/timeline_2/.

4. Students will plan, compose, and edit a paragraph describing their family culture. The attached questionnaire will help in framing this paragraph

5. Students will create a “Culture Doll” that represents their family culture. The Culture Doll template is attached. This will need to be done at home as part of their homework.

6. Once finished, students will give an oral presentation with their paragraphs and Culture Dolls in class starting December 7th.

This will be a fun and creative family project. You may send this in as soon as it is finished. However, it is not due until December 4th. This is a great project to put together and present to family members over the Thanksgiving Break. If you have any questions, please let me know.
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(Question sheet to help guide and format the project’s informative paragraph)

1. My family culture is _________________________________________________________
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2. What continent(s) is this culture from? _________________________________________
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3. What language(s) do people in this culture speak? __________________________________
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4. What foods come from this culture? _____________________________________________
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5. What clothes do people wear? _________________________________________________
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6. What holidays do people celebrate? _____________________________________________
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Sources: Students need to use at least two separate sources. At least one of them must be an interview. Please use the following format:

a) Book Title by Author.
b) Interview with Grandma on November 7, 2015.
c) Name of website. Web address.

1. ________________________________________________________________________

2. ________________________________________________________________________

3. ________________________________________________________________________