

*Peace* is as much a process as it is a goal, so it is important to allow children to practice peace

through experiences that promote peaceful behavior, such as cooperation, compromise and negotiation. For younger children it can begin with playing games. Accepting differences and learning about different cultures/traditions through activities at home, in the classroom, and in the community will help to reduce bias in the early stages of social development. There are many resources available on the world-wide web some of which are found below. For middle school and secondary school students, more sophisticated mediums are available. Even for older students activity based learning maximizes the opportunity to harmonize the medium with the message. Team or group projects using visual and/or performing arts to think about how to reduce conflict, or simulation of a real event, such as land-use decisions, will require using a community-based model that will stress the need for cooperation.

## **TEACHER/PARENT RESOURCES (Pre-K – 3<sup>rd</sup> grade)**

### **DIWALI**

About Diwali and Recipes:

<http://www.activityvillage.co.uk/diwali.htm>

[http://www.activityvillage.co.uk/diwali\\_recipes.htm](http://www.activityvillage.co.uk/diwali_recipes.htm)

How to Celebrate Diwali:

<http://www2.scholastic.com/browse/lessonplan.jsp?id=77>

A Story about Diwali and Rangoli Patterns:

<http://home.freeuk.net/elloughton13/dday.htm>

About the Art of Rangoli:

<http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/Woods/9843/rangoli.html&searchcriteria=diwali>

More about Diwali:

<http://www.geocities.com/Tokyo/Shrine/4287/diwali.htm&searchcriteria=diwal>

### **RAMADAN**

About Ramadan – Terms, Fun Facts:

<http://www.kidsdomain.com/holiday/ramadan.html>

The Five Pillars of Faith:

<http://www.usc.edu/dept/MSA/fundamentals/pillars/>

Children's Activities during Ramadan:

<http://www.submission.org/YES/child2.html>

Crafts and Activities for Ramadan:

<http://www.web-holidays.com/ramadan>

A Little Girl's Ramadan:

<http://pbskids.org/arthur/holiday/scrapbook/eulf1.html>

### **HANUKKAH**

Fun activities and crafts on Hanukkah:

[http://www.eduplace.com/monthlytheme/december/hanukkah\\_activities.html](http://www.eduplace.com/monthlytheme/december/hanukkah_activities.html)

History, tunes, crafts, and recipes for Hanukkah:

<http://www.chabod.com/holidays/chanukah>

Learn how to make a dreidel:

<http://www.cstone.ne/>

## **CHRISTMAS**

The Origins of Christmas Traditions:

<http://www.funsocialstudies.learninghaven.com/articles/xmastraditions.htm>

Christmas Celebrated around the World:

<http://www.the-north-pole.com/around/>

Christmas Crafts:

<http://www.dltk-holidays.com/xmas/crafts.html>

## **KWANZAA**

About Kwanzaa:

<http://www.familyculture.com/holidays/kwanzaa.htm>

The Seven Principles of Kwanzaa

<http://www.web-holidays.com/kwanzaa/articles>

Kwanzaa Games and Coloring Activities:

<http://www.thekidslist.com/Holidays%20&%20Celebrations.htm>

## **CHINESE NEW YEAR**

All about Chinese New Year:

[http://www.educ.uvic.ca/faculty/mroth/438/CHINA/chinese\\_new\\_year.html](http://www.educ.uvic.ca/faculty/mroth/438/CHINA/chinese_new_year.html)

How to Celebrate Chinese New Year:

[http://www.familyculture.com/holidays/chinese\\_new\\_year.htm](http://www.familyculture.com/holidays/chinese_new_year.htm)

On Chinese New Year – Make a Lantern:

[http://www.newton.mec.edu/Angier/DimSum/china\\_dim\\_sum\\_spring\\_fes.html](http://www.newton.mec.edu/Angier/DimSum/china_dim_sum_spring_fes.html)

Chinese New Year Craft Activities:

[http://www.activityvillage.co.uk/chinese\\_new\\_year.htm](http://www.activityvillage.co.uk/chinese_new_year.htm)

## **MULTI-MEDIA ART ACTIVITIES (grades 6-8, 9-12)**

- Draw the feeling of peace
- Create a collage that expresses peace
- Build a sculpture
- Create a cartoon
- Choreograph a dance
- Create a song
- Create a video
- Take a photograph
- Write a poem
- Write a short story about stereo-types

## **“PEACE JOURNEY” (grades 9-12)**

[www.readwritethink.org](http://www.readwritethink.org)

The Peace Journey curriculum is a good example of activity based learning for older students. The lesson plans align to North Carolina standards: English I competency goal 5 and Advanced Placement English competency goal 3. It requires 5-6 class periods to complete the full curriculum.