

ESPECIALLY FOR TEACHERS FROM FLMS...December 2007

CREATIVE CLASSROOM ACTIVITIES

In December we celebrate Pearl Harbor Day, Human Rights Day, and the Winter Holidays. Provided below are several creative activities for teachers to use with their students during this month. Let us know how you and your students like them. Thanks.

PEARL HARBOR DAY

- Illustrate the raising of the flag at the Battle of Iwo Jima.
- Imagine you were of Japanese descent but were living in America during WWII. How would your life be different from other children your age?
- Create a new peace symbol. Post in your classroom.
- List all the roadblocks to peace you can think of. Choose one and try to figure a way to break through it.
- The result – world peace. What do you think happened? Why?

HUMAN RIGHTS DAY

- Express what human rights mean to you.
- What truths do you “hold to be self-evident”?
- Write to Amnesty International to receive information on what this organization does to fight for human rights. Ask your teacher if you can share this information.
- Define “prejudice.” How does it pertain to you?
- Elaborate on this thought: Freedom is a package deal.

WINTER HOLIDAYS

- Using the tune of a traditional Christmas song, create a new carol by making up new words.
- What would happen if you could hold a star in your hand? Would you keep it or give it away? Why?
- Draw a picture of something that represents your favorite holiday.
- Create a recruitment poster advertising for Santa’s helpers.
- Describe all the emotions you go through at holiday time.

Look for more creative classroom activities from FLMS in January. Be sure to visit the Web site: *flms.org*