

Christmas Around the World

Project Guidelines

Grade 2

We will be learning where many of our Christmas customs and symbols originated. Work for this project will be done both at school and at home.

Students will choose, print, and color their character, map and flag at school. Coloring will be graded on authenticity (colors that make sense, nothing florescent, no purple people) and neatness.

Students will then bring their printed and colored materials home along with a three pronged folder and **questions to be researched and answered**. For the students to get the full benefit of the project **parent help is strongly requested**. Parents please go with your child to <http://www.sossschool.org/lambertz.htm>; all the information, directions, and research for the project have been posted on our class website. Each country is listed under a character. Please help your child read through the information posted for their character's country and then answer the questions using complete sentences. Identifying and summarizing important information from written text to answer questions is a difficult but a needed skill for students. The country pages have been specifically created to help answer the questions, but feel free to do any additional research you would like. At the bottom of each created page are additional web-sites.

Each student is provided a folder to be put together in the following manner for presentation:

1. The picture of the country's character should be neatly and authentically colored. This picture should be glued or stapled to the folder's cover.
2. Print out and answer the "Questions for the Christmas Report" questions using complete sentences and your best handwriting. Three-hole punch these pages and put them first.
3. The page for the map should be printed out, completely and neatly colored. Three-hole punch this page and put it after the questions.
4. The flag of the country should be printed out, neatly, and authentically colored, (Use the provided color example for coloring information only). Three-hole punch this page and put it after the map page.
5. Each student will present their report and will be **asked to locate their country and a world map**. The rubric for the project and oral report can be found on the website, along with links to all the above listed pages.

Hopefully, this project will be enjoyable and a great learning experience for both you and your child.

Project due date is December 15th