**Family Museum Exhibit**

October, 2014

Dear Caregivers,

Your child has been assigned a fun**,** engaging family**-**oriented project! We are learning about family customs and how each of our families are unique. We are also learning how to write narratives, recall information from experiences, and describe people, places, things, and events with relevant details. You and your child will read two books together before completing the project: *Chrysanthemum* by Kevin Henkes and *Me and My Family* Tree by Joan Sweeney. These books will be included in your Family Museum Exhibit packet.

After you and your child have finished reading the books, have your child think about things he/she likes about their family, and how they are different from other families. Each student will make a museum exhibit to share with the class that describes their family. The student will be given a pizza box to use as the basis for their museum exhibit.

Please personalize the museum exhibit according to your family. Caregivers are encouraged to help with this project. The Family Museum Exhibit must include: a family coat of arms, a family tree, family photo, family nameplate, family tradition and family memory foldable, a drawing of the family house with address written, family photos, and items that describe your family.

Each caregiver will assist their child with writing their favorite family memory and a family tradition. Caregivers will also assist their child in finding a photo that illustrates the memory and the tradition (if you and your child cannot find any photos, your child can draw pictures). Your child will also need to find objects and other photos that describe his/her family to include in the exhibit.

The Family Museum Exhibit is due the Wednesday after Fall Break. On that day, your child will share his/her exhibit. He/She will explain how each item in their exhibit describes their family.

Materials Needed:

* “Family Museum Exhibit” Packet (will be sent home with student)
* Pizza Box (will be sent home with student) (front needs to be decorated with drawing of house with address written)
* Books: *Chrysanthemum* by Kevin Henkes and *Me and My Family* Tree by Joan Sweeney

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* Items that describe student’s family (can include pictures, books, games, recipes, etc.)
* Family Photos
* Family Nameplate
* May need: crayons/markers, tape/glue, paper
* Creativity

For examples & references please visit these sites:

<http://www.museumonmainstreet.org/education/How_To_Create_An_Exhibition.pdf>

<http://www.heraldryandcrests.com/name-search/>

Activity instructions will be sent home with your child

Your cooperation is greatly appreciated!

If you have any questions, comments, concerns feel free to email or call.

Thank you,

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