

Kwanzaa Principles

Dear Family,

We have started learning about the African American holiday of Kwanzaa. A different principle is the focus of each day of Kwanzaa. We have explored the first three principles at school and talked about how the principles are good for a community. Since our families are our first communities, we are going to explore how these principles are part of our families. Please talk about the following principles as a family. The student should complete the "Do" activity (with help, if appropriate).

Principle One: Unity

Discuss: How does our family show unity? What holds us together? What do we do for each other that keeps us close?

Do: Draw a picture of your family doing something together.

Principle Two: Self-determination

Discuss: When did you keep trying even when what you were doing was hard? How did you feel when you finished?

Do: Make a goal to do something at home that is hard. When do you plan to get it done?

Principle Three: Working together

Discuss: What jobs does each person in the family have to make home a nice place to be?

Do: Work together to make an art project. Plan the idea, gather materials, share the responsibilities and do it. Display the finished work at your home.

