



Child(ren)'s Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Your Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

## Holiday Questionnaire

Your answers to the following questions will help us greatly in our efforts to develop an inclusive, sensitive approach to the holiday discussion and to planning activities appropriate for all of the children. Thank you for taking the time to respond to these questions. Please don't hesitate to ask us if you have any questions.

1. Do you celebrate holidays in your family?\*

If yes, please indicate on a scale of 1 (unimportant) to 10 (essential), how important holidays are to your family.

2. What holidays or special days do you celebrate?

3. Please share a little bit about how you recognize important holidays in your family. (Do you decorate? Share presents? Get together with family? Light candles? Say a prayer? Go to church or temple or ?)

4. What would you like your child to learn or experience as a result of holiday discussions or activities at Interlaken Preschool?

\*For our purposes, we'll define holidays broadly to include national holidays, religious holidays, cultural events, seasonal recognition and individual family rituals.

5. What would you like holiday activities or discussion to look like in the classroom?

6. How do you feel about your child's learning about or participating in holiday activities that are not part of your family's traditions? Are there any holidays that you would object to?

7. Religion plays an important role in many holidays. While considering this next question, please keep in mind that we would not teach any religious perspective as the "right" religion, rather we would say, "Some people believe ..." or "At Dominic's house they believe ..."

How do you feel about your child hearing or learning about the religious aspects of holidays you celebrate at home or the religious stories behind holidays that your family does not celebrate?

8. What role would you like to play in holiday activities at Interlaken Preschool? Would you be interested in sharing food, books, or oral stories about the traditions in your family?