

Child's Name _____ Child's Class _____

Additional Family and Child Information

We do not want to be intrusive in asking about your family's background and beliefs, but the more we know, the more we can use culturally relevant information to make your child's learning experience more comfortable and meaningful. We will, however, need your help to use this information in the most effective way possible.

Please return this signed and dated form by Friday, 8/1/08, whether you choose to answer the questions or not. Thank you very much!

Do you feel comfortable sharing with us and/or your child's classmates something from your family's culture and background? If so:

- 1) Which country/countries/part of the US does your child/family hail from?

- 2) Does your child follow any religion(s) that you would like us to be aware of?

- 3) Does your child celebrate any religious or cultural festivals that you would like to share with us? If so, please let us know the dates of such festivals.

- 4) Would you be willing to come into the classroom and celebrate your festival(s) or share information with your child's class around the time of the festival(s)?

- 5) Does your child understand and/or speak any foreign language(s)?

- 6) Is there anything else you would like to share with us about your child's background and/or culture?

- 7) Are there everyday items used in your home that you can recommend a source for so that we could add them to our classroom to support your child (kitchen utensils, dress up clothes, music, art, etc.)?

- 8) What games does your child enjoy? Would you help us learn to play them?

- 9) What stories, books does your child enjoy? Are there English translations of these? Would you come into your child's classroom to read a favorite story?

- 10) Could you give us a recipe or help us cook a particular food that is a favorite of your child?

Parent's Signature _____ Date _____