

THE LEARNIN' FERNS

What will the Ferns learn in December?

As winter break approaches, the Fern class will focus their cultural studies on five major winter holidays around the globe and throughout time: Yule, Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, and New Year's Day. Students will study important symbols, traditions, and stories associated with these holidays.

We are excited to dive into these holidays as another layer in understanding the fundamental needs of humans. Holidays play a significant role in the spiritual needs of humans, including culture, religion, social acceptance, and self-adornment.

Important Dates

Last Day of School!
Friday, December 20th

Back to School!
Monday, January 6th



Ferns' Focus in November

Ferns spent November studying how humans traditionally utilized the natural world to meet their fundamental needs. Ferns were presented the Fundamental Needs of Humans chart, learned the difference between material (or physical) needs and spiritual needs, and considered how their fundamental needs are met. For Thanksgiving, Ferns read *Keepunumuk: Weeachumun's Thanksgiving Story*, a story of Weeachumun (the Wamanoag word for corn) and her influence on the First People's sharing of Indigenous foods and agriculture.