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Social Studies- Homework due December 18

This will be the only homework this week. There will be no homework during the break. We hope you have a wonderful holiday. See you all next year!

Love,

Mrs. Lozano and Mrs. Vivian

Holidays!

It's Holiday Time!

What are some holiday traditions?

Christmas

Christmas is a Christian holiday. Families decorate evergreen trees with lights and ornaments. Some people also string light on the outside of their homes. On Christmas, people sing and give one another gifts.

Hanukkah

Hanukkah is a Jewish holiday. It lasts for eight days. Every night, one candle is lit in a holder called a **menorah**. Children play a game with a spinning top called a **dreidel**. They receive chocolate coins and other gifts.

Eid al-Fitr

Eid al-Fitr (EED al-FIHtuhr) is a Muslim holiday. People celebrate for one to three days. They eat special foods, exchange gifts, and wear new clothes. Eid al-Fitr comes at the end of Ramadan. That is a Muslim holiday that lasts for a month.

Diwali

Diwali is a Hindu holiday that lasts for two to five days. During that time, people light oil lamps and candles. They put them inside windows and doors and outside their homes.

Kwanzaa

Kwanzaa is an African American celebration of family and African culture. It lasts for seven days. People light candles in a holder called a **kinara**. They have a feast and give one another handmade gifts.

Las Posadas

Las Posadas is a nine-day Latin American celebration. It ends on Christmas. Each night, people hold candles and sing. On the last night, they have parties. Kids break open piñatas filled with treats.

A Season Of Giving

Many students across the country are showing their holiday spirit. How? They are helping others for the holidays. Some kids collect canned food to feed people who are hungry. Others collect clothing and blankets to help people stay warm during the winter. They **donate** the items to people in need. Donate means "to give to a good cause."

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Directions: Answer the following four questions based on the information in the passage.

1. What is Diwali?

2. According to the passage, what do Muslim families do during Eid al-Fitr?

3. Many different holidays are discussed in the passage. What is one thing they all have in common?

4. What is the main idea of this passage?
