

## *Dear Fourth-Grade Families,*

During a discussion today, the students expressed interest in sharing their favorite foods. We have decided to plan a class potluck lunch. A “potluck” is a meal where everyone brings a dish to share. Several students mentioned a “Food Around the World” theme, so dishes from other countries are especially welcome!

Our potluck will be **Monday, June 11th** during our regular lunch time (**11:50 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**). We will be eating together **in our classroom** instead of going down to lunch. Plates, cups, napkins, silverware, and drinks will be purchased with money from the class fund. Parents volunteers (set-up, serving, clean-up, eating free food) would be greatly appreciated. Please e-mail me if you are able to come and help out.

Each student should bring a dish to share with the class. Students should bring a homemade dish that is one of their favorites. International dishes are encouraged, but not required. Please divide the food into small “sample-size” portions *before* they are brought to school, as we will have many foods to try. If necessary, serving spoons/tongs should be sent as well.

We do have a classmate with peanut allergies, so it would be safest to avoid this ingredient if possible. If for some reason you have to do a peanut-containing dish, please make sure it is clearly labeled and I will keep it away from the other food. Also, any dishes containing meat should be labeled telling which meat they contain (“contains pork”, “contains chicken”, etc.). We want all of our classmates with different dietary needs to be able to participate in this special event! For any dishes that need to be kept cold or served warm/hot, please bring them just before lunchtime if possible. There is some *limited* space available in the fridge and freezer, but we have no way to heat up food at school.

The fourth-graders are very excited about this. It will be a special way to end the school year and celebrate our time together as a group. We can't wait!

Best Wishes,  
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