

## Celebrations of harvest festivals of India

### For Novice Level

Students watch You Tube video(s) and the teacher read the story about the celebrations of the various harvest festivals of India - Pola Parv, Bihu and Onam in power point. They also learn about how these festivals are celebrated; what kind of dances and musical instruments are played; what kind of food is eaten and why. Students identify the festivals, ask and answer simple questions about the festivals, and compare and contrast these celebrations with the harvest festival of USA "Thanksgiving" and fill in a Venn diagram. As a final task students will make a storybook or cartoon/comic strip for children on "Harvest festivals of India" with lot of illustrations or make a musical instrument played during the celebrations, and display in the science exhibition for the parents and community on the last day of the camp. Also, students perform the dances of these celebrations in the annual program.

### Targeted Standards

- 1.1 Interpersonal Communications
- 1.2 Interpretive Communications
- 1.3 Presentational Communication
  
- 2.1 Practice of Culture
- 2.2 Products of Culture
  
- 3.1 Making Connections
- 3.2 Acquiring Information
  
- 4.2 Cultural Comparisons
  
- 5.1 School and Community

### How the Standards are met

- 1.1 Students ask and answer simple questions, and compare and contrast Harvest festivals celebrations with the harvest festival of USA "Thanksgiving".
- 1.2 Students watch You Tube videos and listen to the story about harvest festival celebrations.
- 1.3 Students fill in Venn diagram, make a storybook or cartoon/comic strip for children on "Harvest festivals of India" with lot of illustrations or make a musical instrument played during the celebrations.
  
- 2.1 Students become aware of how various harvest festivals are celebrated.
  
- 2.2 Students learn about Indian cultural products associated with these festivals like, "Bail", "Gau mata", "dhol", "BaaNsuri", various dances, sweets and food items, etc.
  
- 3.1 Students expand their knowledge about world culture and arts.
  
- 3.2 Students enhance their knowledge about harvest festival celebrations through Pola, Onam, Bihu.
  
- 4.2 Students compare practices of India's harvest festivals with Thanksgiving festival of USA.

5.1 Students exhibits their works, perform dances with music with their friends and parents in the camp.