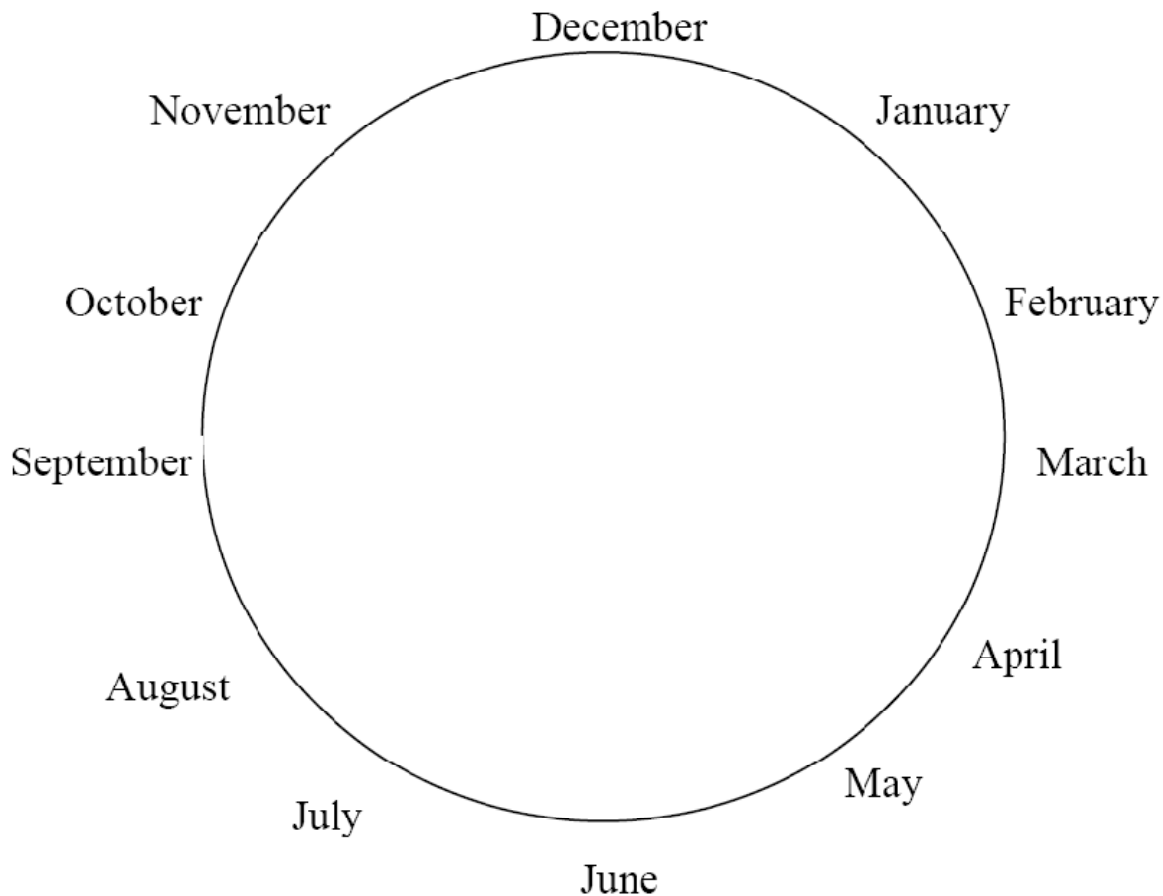


CELEBRATION OF LIFE GUIDELINES

We would like to have each child share some happy moments and memories with the class during a "Celebration of Life" to commemorate his or her birthday. Summer birthdays will be celebrated during the last month of school. An example of a child's ceremony follows: All the children in the class sit in a circle.

As the child walks around one complete circle on a line indicating the months of the year, a statement is read giving the child's history for that year.



1st year: John was born in Baton Rouge, Louisiana on December 15, 2003. He was a happy, healthy baby. During the summer he went to visit his grandmother in Austin, Texas. He took along with him his favorite toy, a brown bear named Paddington.

2nd year: When John was one year old, he stood up and walked to his dad. For his birthday, his cousins came to share his birthday cake. He made friends with the next door neighbor's dog, Spot, so the first word he said was "Spot".

And so it continues for each year. A few sentences about the history of the year are adequate. We would like you to bring a representative photo for each year of life to pass around the circle.

Please provide an interesting thought, anecdote or comment about each year of your child's life to be shared with his class as your child symbolically traverses the sun for each year of his life.

_____ was born on _____ at _____ a.m. p.m.

S/he weighed _____ lbs. _____ ozs. and was _____ inches long. S/he was born in _____, _____. It was a _____ day.

When _____ was one year old _____

When _____ was two years old _____

When _____ was three years old _____

When _____ was four years old _____

When _____ was five years old _____

When _____ was six years old _____

You might want to include such things as the birth of a sibling, moving, getting pet, special vacations, learning a new skill, and going to school.