Course: Third Grade Title of the Lesson: Dear Friend, Let Me Tell You... Author(s): Pete Yackus – Fort Bend ISD

Brief Description of the Lesson & Recommendations for Use:

The study of cultures and their celebrations is a focus of several grade levels. To help students gain an understanding of the different beliefs and traditions of these cultures this lesson has students looking at three different celebrations based on three different cultures. The students then use the information to write letters to each other explaining a celebration and then asking for the recipient to explain a culture back.

TEKS:

K.11 Culture. The student understands similarities and differences among people. The student is expected to:

(B) identify differences among people.

K.12 Culture. The student understands how people learn about themselves through family customs and traditions. The student is expected to:

- (A) identify family customs and traditions and explain their importance;
- (B) compare family customs and traditions

1.15 Culture. The student understands the importance of family beliefs, customs, language, and traditions. The student is expected to:

(A) describe various beliefs, customs, and traditions of families and explain their importance;

3.12 Culture. The student understands ethnic and/or cultural celebrations of the United States and other nations. The student is expected to:

(A) explain the significance of selected ethnic and/or cultural celebrations in Texas, the United States, and other nations such as St. Patrick's Day, Cinco de Mayo, and Kwanzaa; and

(B) compare ethnic and/or cultural celebrations in Texas, the United States, and other nations

Unit Recommendation : Cultural Celebrations

