

## Cultural Tidbits

- Latin American families give priority to family even if it might affect a child's performance in school negatively. Even young children will stay home to help when a family need arises.
- The Japanese believe it is an important sign of respect to give and receive a gift with both hands.
- In some Middle Eastern Countries it is insulting to a person if you sit with the soles of your shoes showing.
- People from educational systems outside the United States often consider informal, noisy classrooms as places of play and not learning.
- Students from other countries are often shocked by the informality of American teachers. In some parts of the world a teacher is one to be both respected and feared. The informality and friendlessness of American teachers toward students often misleads and confuses immigrant children.
- When communicating with parents whose first language is not English a little information carefully selected and communicated clearly is better than a lot of information that might be misunderstood and overwhelming.
- It is offensive to the Chinese to use **RED** ink when writing or having printing done.
- Give parents whose first language is not English, three chances to hear the message:
  1. tell them what you're going to tell them
  2. tell them
  3. tell them what you told them.

Other: