

## CULTURAL SURVEY

Family's Name Estevan

Date August 25, 2009

Child's Name Pedro Estevan

### Family's cultural history:

Parent(s)' place of birth: Mexico

Child's place of birth: Oregon

Family heritage/origin: Mexican/American

Please describe your family's areas of interest.

Family likes to participate in outdoor activities such as walks, playing at the park, and bike riding. Family also enjoys reading together and playing board games. Holidays are emphasized in the home, and the family enjoys decorating and celebrating together with many extended family members who live in the area. The gathering place for celebrating the holiday is a joint decision and the family enjoys cooking, planning, and celebrating together.

Please describe your child(ren)'s language practices and abilities spoken in the home. Parent and child are both bilingual. Child can use both languages, but has some difficulties with expressing his words and with vocabulary in both languages. Child mostly speaks English, but may use Spanish too, especially when he is frustrated with communication with mom.

Please describe any preferences you may have regarding your child's acquisition of language in the classroom. Mom would like Pedro to become more fluent with English skills to prepare him for entry into Kindergarten. She would like him to retain and continue to develop his Spanish-speaking skills at home and at school as well.

Please describe the language practices of the adult(s) living in the home. Spanish is primarily spoken in the home, but English is used as well. Family speaks English when conversing with those outside the home with the exception of immediate family members.

Specific events and interests that your family enjoys together: Family enjoys and is very proud of their heritage and culture. Specific interests include art and music.

What are some ways that you might be able to share these interests with other Head Start children and families? Mom is interested in scheduling a time to come and share art and music traditions in the classroom with other children and parents.

Additional information: We will work out a time for mom to come and share music and art activities in the classroom in September as part of our focus on families.