

**"Kwanzaa celebrates the seven principles."**

**BLACK EDUCATIONAL CENTER**

Kwanza is when Black people get together and have a feast and have games and songs and poetry. The first day of Kwanza is Umoja, Unity. Kwanza is for seven days. It starts on December 26 and ends on January 1st. Kwanza is not like Christmas. It's a Black people's celebration.

*Hakeem McCallister*

Happy Kwanza. I love Kwanza. Kwanza is my favorite part of the year. My mommy likes Kwanza too! I like my mom and she works with us on the Kwanza song and on the seven principles. The seven principles are Umoja, Kujichagulia, Ujima, Ujamaa, Nia, Kuumba, Imani.

*Arietta Ward*

I like how the Kwanza tables are. I like the Kinara, the candle holder. I like the

Kwanza settings.

*Rashida Munson*

I like Kwanza because I like to get my presents. I like playing in the snow at Kwanza time. I like the Kwanza things.

*Halle Richardson*

Kwanza is having fun, to me, and Kwanza is having a Kinara on the table and a pyramid and having a big celebration.

*Jumoke Askari*

Kwanza is something that Black people celebrate and get together and have a big old feast and have fun. After the feast is done we have a story teller who tells the children stories. Grownups have to clean up the dishes and watch the children.

*Lateef Smith*

I want to tell the people about the songs we sing, like "Praise the Red, the Black and the Green," and

then tell people about the unity cup and the candles and the fruit and the muhindi. And we do the pledge and make the mkeka, a straw mat. We make red, black and green chains for decorations. We celebrate and come over people's house and we do the Kinara. And we still do our math and reading.

*Halston McKiever*

I like Kwanza because I sing and dance. I like Kwanza because it is a time when Black people have unity and peace.

*Jamila Ormond*

When Afrikan people celebrate Kwanza we have fruits and that's what I like about it. And I like the things that Afrikan people share with each other. I like the candle holder. The candles are so many different colors that they're so pretty. What do we drink in the Kikombe? We drink

water. We won't spill it.

*Patrece Smith*

I like to make the red, black, and green chains for the decorations. And I like when we make the fruits for the Kwanza table. It means that we learn about the seven principles. And we learn about the symbols of Kwanza and learn about making decorations. I like my walimu and all my brothers and sisters at my school. Kwanza is fun. We decorate the school.

*Syid Seifuddin*

I like the way Kwanza is fun. I like to give presents. I like to eat at the feast at Kwanza. I like the turkey. I like to make decorations for Kwanza. I like to do everything at Kwanza. It's fun.

*Ashanti McCallister*

I like the way we celebrate Kwanza. I like the Kinara. I like the energy we have for Kwanza. I like how

the world looks like Kwanza. I like the celebration of Kwanza.

*Amber Hudson*

I like the Kwanza play. I like to do my Kwanza homework. I like to eat at the feast. I like to make the Kwanza decorations. I like to cut out things. I like to write about Kwanza. I like to listen to Kwanza songs. I like to paint and color my decoration for the table.

*Khalil Edwards*

I like my Kwanza truck. I

like the decorations. I like to eat at the feast. I hope I get a book for Kwanza. The candles are very pretty.

*Thabiti-Waters*

I like to get toys at Kwanza. I like Kwanza. I like making the pyramids, cutting out the ankhs, and making the chains. The Kinaras we made are pretty.

*Ifanyichukwu Bell*

I like the seven principles of Blackness. I like the fruit on the table. We celebrate Kwanza because we are Af-

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