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Learning about Different Cultures

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Each year, Crescent Elementary first-graders engage in two culminating activities that bring authentic learning into their study of life today as compared to long ago. These activities also help them to understand how our country is made up of different cultures.

As a home project, the students first make a poster of their family tree beginning with their grandparents. They then interview an adult in their family and ask them questions about their life experiences growing up. The students later share their family tree and review this information with their class.

The students also select some aspect of their culture to share, such as food, clothing, dance, or a specific tradition. We always get a good representation of the different customs and traditions from many countries. Some of this year's sharing included countries like Vietnam, China, Korea, India, the Philippines, Armenia, Ireland, and Mexico.



Crescent student Kylie Tan wearing her traditional Chinese dress.