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October is an important month in our household. My grandson, Kenji, will have a birthday in a few days. Then we have Halloween at the end of the month. My grandson typically enjoys a birthday party with friends and celebrates Halloween at a school celebration. With COVID-19, we are redefining how we will celebrate the following holidays:

We will celebrate Kenji's birthday with a small family party. He has already received a new larger bicycle for this event. Kenji will celebrate his birthday with his aunt and uncle and a special bike ride. We will then enjoy cake and ice cream as my grandson plays with his other gifts. Kenji will wear his Halloween costume while attending his remote classroom on Halloween. Some schools will celebrate Halloween with a car parade at the school site while students wear their costumes. Other families will celebrate with their neighborhood pod

of two to three families. Several families are decorating their homes and will host a Halloween party with their children. They may also Zoom with other school families and friends.

Thanksgiving will be a challenge as we may need to leave our home for a long-awaited construction project. We are looking forward to eating a take-out Thanksgiving dinner in our hotel room.

Christmas will be celebrated with a Christmas tree, gifts, and a visit with a couple of family members.

As we prepare for our favorite holiday celebrations this year, we are thankful that our family is healthy and lovingly supportive. May you and your family cherish new family traditions and celebrations as you prepare for the upcoming holidays.

Happy new traditions!

Joyce

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