**CLASS ACTIVITIES**

**GLOBAL CONNECTION Project**

* Watch the 1 hour 15 minute film titled “BABIES.”

***BABIES film presents the magic and innocence of babies, proving that if you surround your baby with love, it doesn’t matter what culture you are from or what child-rearing practices you follow. Babies travels the globe following four children from different parts of the world namely; Namibia, Mongolia, Japan and USA. The film celebrates the common joy of motherhood and shows that while cultures and languages differ, BABIES show how being a mother is universal.***

* Before watching the film, each student writes three assumptions about child rearing practices in different cultures.
* While watching the film, have students individually take notes on child rearing practices in each of the countries represented (Namibia, Mongolia, Japan and the USA).
* As a final part of this project, students will be assigned to small teams to discuss their thoughts, analyze the film and present their findings.
* The topics for discussion may include, but not limited to the following:
  + Family/Cultural Practices
  + Child Rearing Practices
  + Socio-Economic Factors and its Implications on Children and Families
  + Play
  + Care
  + Interaction