

Native American Land Curriculum



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Dear PreK–1st Grade Families at RVUSD,



This year we will be teaching a Native American Land Curriculum. This curriculum has 8 themes, including, Creation, Mother Earth, Fire, Water, Air, Plants, Animals and, the Stars. This culturally appropriate curriculum is designed to instill in Native American children a comprehensive understanding of their place within Creation and a fundamental sense of belonging to their traditional land base.



This month of September, we have been reading stories about CREATION. Our purpose in studying Creation stories is so children will be able to grasp the concepts and characters of the Creation story as established through an oral tradition. One of the stories that we have read to the children this month is “Four worlds: The Dine Story of Creation” written down by Joseph Bruchac and Michael Caduto in *Keepers of the Earth*.



We would really like to include stories from Round Valley and/or any of the tribes of the children at our school. Please let us know if you know of any elder or family member who would be willing to come in to our class and share a local tribal story with us. Our children will be greatly enriched by knowing our local stories.



We are look forward to including the Native American Land Curriculum into our school year and hope that you are able to come in and see our class mural that we are creating to accompany our study of each of the themes.

Thank you and know that we love teaching your children,



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