

# Native American Land Curriculum



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 October, we have been reading stories about MOTHER EARTH. Our purpose in studying Mother Earth stories is to relate to students a sense of their connection to the land or the earth and how all who live on the earth are related to one another. Students will learn how the source of life is circular and how everything in life

has a circular path that starts with us and returns to us. This month we will be reading “The Earth on Turtle’s Back” told by Joseph Bruchac and Michael Caduto. Our vocabulary words will be: brown, Mother Earth, Circle, One, Turtle, and Respect.



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,