

Native American Land Curriculum Fire



Dear PreK–1st Grade Families at RVUSD,



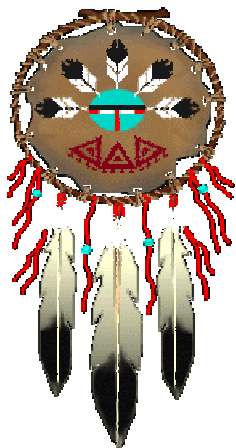
In these next two months of November and December, we have been reading stories about FIRE! Our purpose in studying Fire stories is to relate to children the importance of respecting fire and create awareness of the many roles of fire, both in everyday and ceremonial life. Children will be able to understand the importance of respecting fire and have an increased awareness of the qualities of fire—its resemblance to living things, its creation of light, and its relationship to the sun. Children will also understand concepts of fire safety.



We will be reading several stories, including “The First Fire” from Myths of the Cherokee and “Fire Race” a Karuk story. Our vocabulary words will be: red, fire, burn, two, snake, and wisdom. We will be asking our tribal Fire Department to come to the school and talk about Fire Safety.



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.



To view the curriculum that we are implementing, please go to our website at www.roundvalleyschools.org and click on the Native American Land Curriculum link. Then click on the Pre-K- 1st Grade link to see the curriculum. We welcome your feedback. Please let your child’s teacher know what you think about the land curriculum.



Thank you and know that we love teaching your children,

Happy Holidays!