

Native American Land Curriculum Plants



Dear PreK–1st Grade Families at RVUSD,



In this next month of March, we will be reading stories about PLANTS! Our purpose is to help our children develop a relationship with plants and green growing beings of Mother Earth. We hope to create awareness within the children that plants are living, growing things/beings, and we want to assist children to be responsible for caring for a plant.



We will be reading a plant story called “Waynabozho and the Wild Rice” from Joseph Bruchac and Michael Caduto’s book - Native Plant Stories. We will also be reading a Karuk story about “The Acorn Maidens.” For your enjoyment and to help reinforce the stories with your child, we will be sending home copies of both of these stories this month. Our vocabulary words are green, plant, sun, forest, six, and grow.



Along with the stories this month, we will also be sharing a Power Point presentation that Joe Russ’s Native American Studies class helped create on the seven local oaks that grow in Round Valley, with the help of Dr. Dimartini from Humboldt State University. The seven oaks featured in the Power Point presentation will be Tan Oak, Valley Oak, Black Oak, Blue Oak, Canyon Live Oak, Interior Live Oak, and Leather Oak.



Once again, we welcome any local stories. Please let your child’s teacher know of any possible guest speakers. 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,