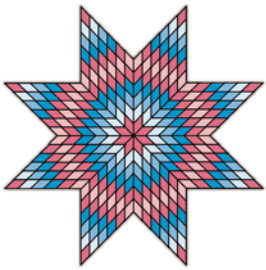




# Native American Land Curriculum

# Stars

Dear PreK–1st Grade Families at RVUSD,



In this next month of May, we will be reading stories about STARS. Our purpose is for children to gain an understanding about the human family's star origins and the interconnectedness with the Star Nation. They will also learn that the sun is a star. Discussion and questions will focus on tribal star knowledge and different names of constellations.

We will be reading a Great Plains story called "Lakota Star Story." Our vocabulary words from this story are yellow, star, seven, turnip, brave and bear. We will also read "The Seven Star Dancers," a Onondaga story and "The Creation of the Moon," a Dine' story, both found in Keepers of the Night by Joseph Bruchac and Michael Caduto.



Teachers will also have the following stories available from our Library to read to their classes. Examples are: How the Stars Fell into the Sky: A Navajo Legend by Jerri Oughton and Lisa Desimini; and The Star People, A Lakota Story by S. D. Nelson.

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](http://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 we love teaching your children,

