Dear Parents:

Today we used some of these books, fingerplays, and other materials in our storytime for ages four and up. Please continue helping your child develop a love for books and reading by sharing these rhymes, books, and other activities with your child.

**Books To Share**

*How Chipmunk Got His Stripes*  
as told by Joseph Bruchac  

*Long Night Moon*  
by Cynthia Rylant  

*Raccoon’s Last Race: A Traditional Abenaki Story*  
as told by Joseph Bruchac  

*The Legend of the Bluebonnet*  
retold by Tomie dePaola  

*How Rabbit Lost His Tail: A Traditional Cherokee Legend*  
by Deborah L. Duvall  

*Navajo ABC: a Dine Alphabet Book*  
by Luci Tapahonso and Eleanor Schick  

*The Girl Who Loved Wild Horses*  
by Paul Goble  

*When the Shadbush Blooms*  
by Carla Messinger and Susan Katz  

*Rabbit’s Wish for Snow: A Native American Legend*  
by Tchin  

*Giving Thanks*  
by Jonathan London  

*Turtle’s Race with Beaver*  
as told by Joseph Bruchac  

*Iktomi and the Boulder*  
by Paul Goble  

*The Crossing*  
by Donna Jo Napoli  

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**Fun With Fingerplays and Songs**

*A Tipi Is My Home*  
(tune of “The Grand Old Duke of York”)  
A Tipi is my home  
Of deer skin it is made.  
A place on top where  
smoke can go  
It stands in forest shade.  
A river runs nearby  
and there is my canoe.  
It paddles up and down  
the stream  
Beneath the sky of blue.

**Native American**  
(tune: of "Are You Sleeping")  
Native American, Native American  
play your drum, play your drum  
Rat-a-tat-tat-tat! Rat-a-tat-tat-tat!  
Show me how to...run.  

Sing the song over, each time end with a different movement. (hop, clap, walk, skip, jump...)
Native Americans
This is a forest of long, long ago. 
(Hold hands out palms up.)
There are the trees standing all in a row 
(Hold up left fingers.)
Look very closely, what do you see? 
Indians peering out—one, two, three. 
(Poke three fingers from right hand through left hand fingers.)
Now they are hiding, the forest is still. 
(Hide right hand.)
Now they are hurrying over the hill 
(Make a fist with left hand and walk right hand fingers over it.)
Ever so quietly, now they are nearing 
the tipi that stands at the edge of the clearing. 
(Make tipi with both hands.)

Learn a Friendship Dance
Almost every PowWow features a friendship dance (or round dance). Guests are invited to join the circle—it represents the circle of life, which has no beginning and no end.

1. Join hands in a circle.
2. Repeat the beat, “BOOM, boom”, for a few seconds. When you feel like you have the beat, start with your feet together and step to the left on the “BOOM”. Bring your right foot next to the left on the soft “boom”. Keep going round and round. Think about all the good things in your life, like good friends or a sunny day.
3. After going round and round, change direction. Now step to the right on the “BOOM”, and bring your left foot next to the right on the little “boom”. Think of some sad or frustrating things in your life, like when you scraped your knee. Life is full of both good and bad times.
4. Quick! Think of some good times again and change the direction to the right, the way you began.

Apache-like Foot Toss Game
What you need
- Lightweight stone
- At least two players
- Score keeper

What you do
1. Decide how points will be scored—by tossing the stone either the highest or the farthest.
2. Balance the stone on the toes of one foot.
3. Throw it as far or as high as you can without touching it with your hands.
4. You must keep your balance in order to score.
5. The best three out of five tosses wins!

Wojapi Pudding
Wojapi (wo-ZHA-pee) is a traditional Lakota pudding made with huckleberries or chokecherries. It tastes good warm or cool.
What you Need
- 2 pound of berries (such as blueberries, raspberries, blackberries, or strawberries)
- 1 tablespoon of honey
- 1 cup of water
- ½ cup flour

What you do
1. Put the berries, honey, and water in the saucepan. Mash them together with a spoon.
2. Stir in the flour a little at time.
3. Bring to a boil over a medium high heat.
4. Lower the heat and simmer, stirring constantly until pudding becomes thick.
5. Remove the saucepan from the heat and let the pudding cool.
6. Serve as a dessert or for breakfast with granola.

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Learning to read begins before your child starts school. Help your children develop early literacy skills now; this makes it easier for children to learn to read once they begin school.

Five of the best ways to help your child get ready to read are:
- Talking
- Singing
- Reading
- Writing
- Playing

If you would like more information, please ask the staff in the children’s area.

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