



THE LANGUAGE OF OUR ANCESTORS

EARLY CHILDHOOD LANGUAGE LEARNING AS CULTURAL
CONNECTION & FAMILY STRENGTHENING

KICKAPOO TRIBE IN KANSAS CBCAP

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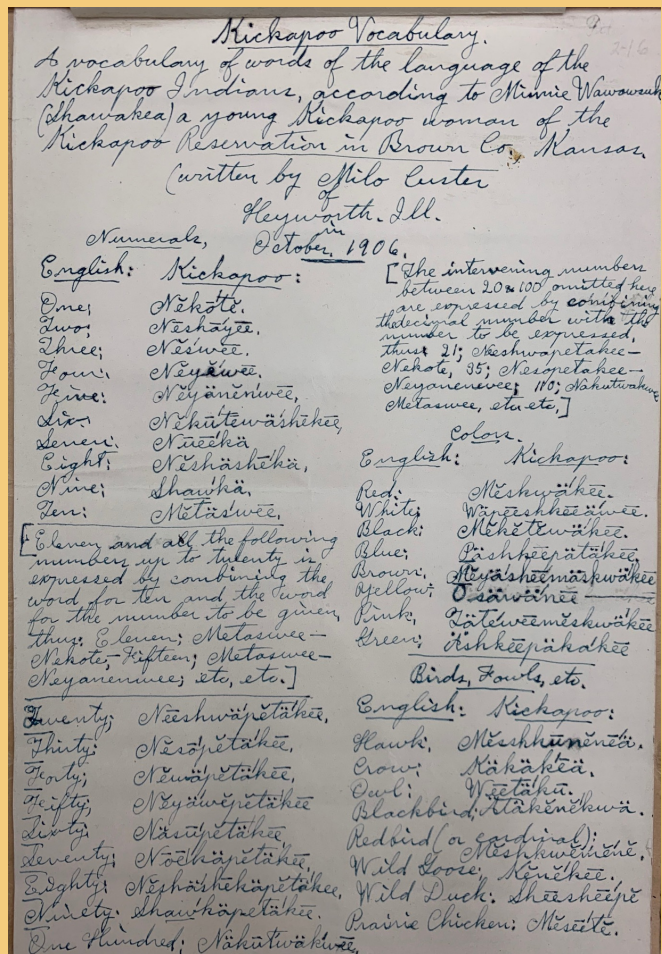
"LANGUAGE COMES FROM THE SONG OF OUR HEARTBEAT. IT'S NOT SOMETHING THAT CAN QUICKLY BE PUT INTO WORDS. IT'S A FEELING, IT'S A PRAYER, IT'S A THOUGHT, IT'S AN EMOTION—ALL OF THESE THINGS ARE IN THE LANGUAGE."

LARRY SWALLEY, LAKOTA

KICKAPOO LANGUAGE IN KANSAS

THE KICKAPOO LANGUAGE HAS LARGELY BEEN LOST IN OUR KANSAS COMMUNITY.

TODAY, OUT OF 1,600 ENROLLED MEMBERS (APX. 300-400 OF WHICH LIVE ON OUR RESERVATION), THE KICKAPOO TRIBE IN KANSAS HAS TWO SEMI-FLUENT LANGUAGE INSTRUCTORS, AND NO FLUENT SPEAKERS.



WHY PLAY GAMES TO LEARN?



ADVENTURE &
ENGAGEMENT



POSITIVE
REINFORCEMENT

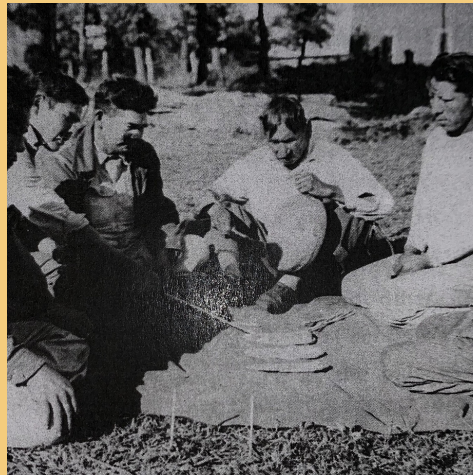


BUILD PROBLEM
SOLVING SKILLS



CONNECT WITH
OUR ANCESTORS

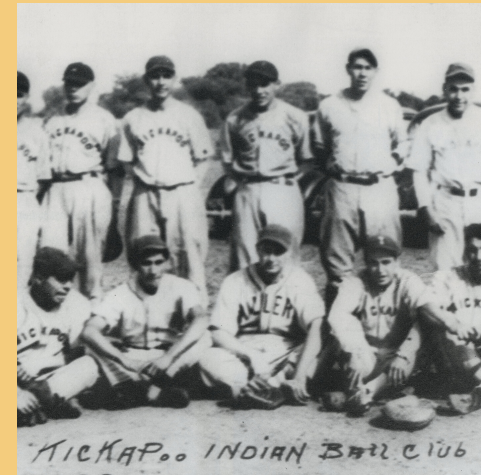
GAME PLAY IS A PART OF OUR HISTORY, AND A CRITICAL COMPONENT OF EARLY LEARNING FOR OUR FAMILIES



emeemakethehiki
MOCCASIN GAME



netekwi pekwaaki
STICK BALL



pekwaakiemi
TEAM SPORTS

OUR LANGUAGE REVITALIZATION STRATEGY:

EARLY LITERACY

board books, flash cards, developmental toys, family albums and stories

OUTDOOR RECREATION

team sports, exploring, foraging and identification, outdoor passports

COMMUNITY RESOURCES

card decks, mobile apps, multimedia resources, community conversations

LANGUAGE INSTRUCTION

training community language instructors in play-based learning

OUR CULTURAL LEARNING RESOURCES:

BOARD BOOKS & PLAYING CARDS

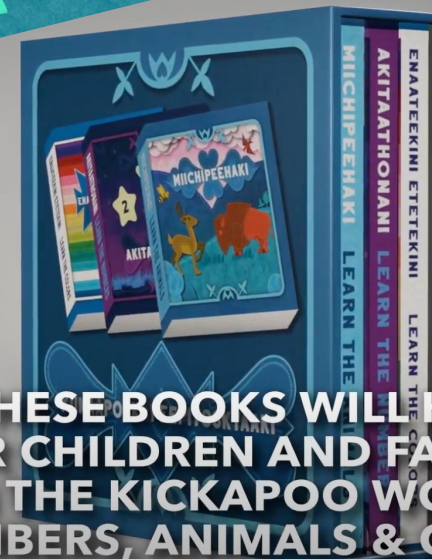
The Kickapoo Tribe in Kansas developed a deck of cards with Native-owned design group Buffalo Nickel Creative based on Kickapoo language, culture, and traditions, and provided a deck to every tribal member

IN OUR COMMUNITY, WE KNOW THAT
OUR KICKAPOO LANGUAGE
CONNECTS US ACROSS GENERATIONS.

THAT'S WHY WE'RE HONORING OUR
LANGUAGE TRADITIONS WITH NEW
RESOURCES FOR OUR LITTLEST MEMBERS.



KICKAPOO BOARD BOOKS

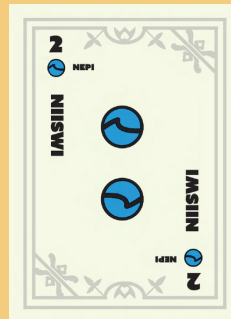


THESE BOOKS WILL HELP
OUR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES
LEARN THE KICKAPOO WORDS FOR
NUMBERS, ANIMALS & COLORS

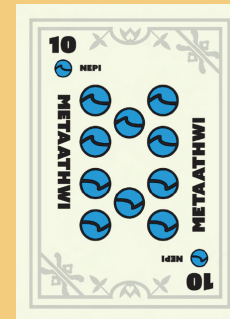
KICKAPOO PLAYING CARDS

INTEGRATING CULTURE & LANGUAGE: THE SUITS & FACE CARDS

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NUMBERS:



NIISWI → METAATHWI
(2 - 10)



SUITS:



MEHTEKWI



NEPI



ATHENI



PEEMAHKIYETHEKI

