





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

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KICKAPOO LANGUAUGE 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

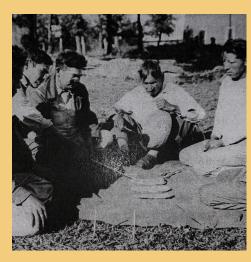


SOLVING SKILLS



CONNECT WITH OUR ANCESTORS

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



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metekwi pekwaaki STICK BALL



pekwaakieni 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

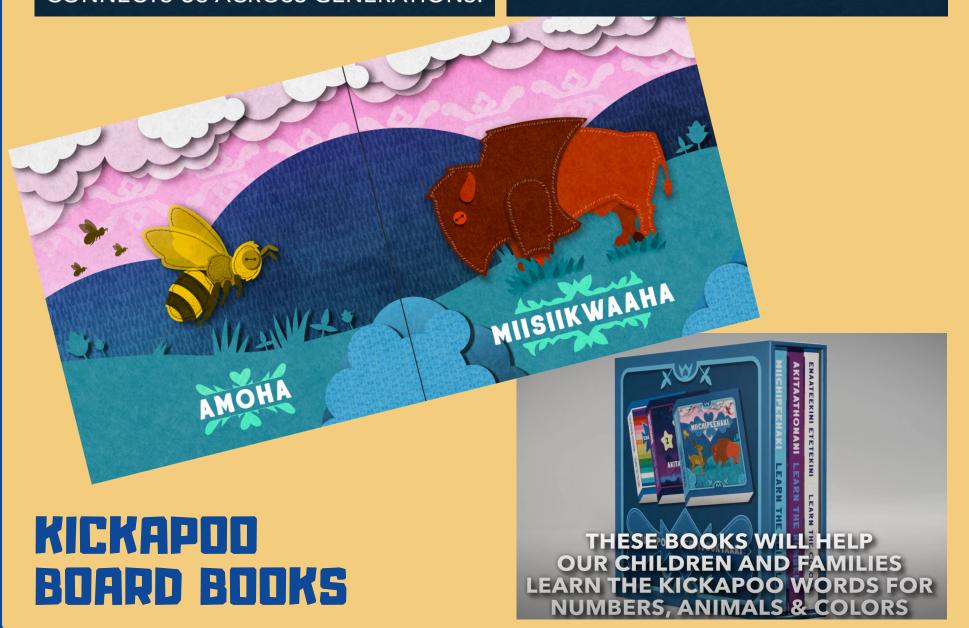
training community language instructors in play-based learning

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.

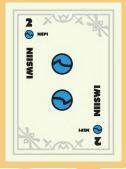
THAT'S WHY WE'RE HONORING OUR LANGUAGE TRADITIONS WITH NEW RESOURCES FOR OUR LITTLEST MEMBERS.



KICKAPOO PLAYING CARDS

INTEGRATING CULTURE & LANGUAGE: THE SUITS & FACE CARDS

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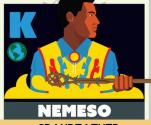








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