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Dear Parents,

During the next term we'll be studying the indigenous people of the United States. We will be learning about the history and geography of where they lived along with comparing their environments and cultures. Your child will need to **complete 3** assignments that will enhance his/her knowledge of a particular Native American people and their culture. Our class will then present their creative projects and Google Slides to each other.

**Part 1: *The Written Report***

Your child will choose a specific Native American tribe to learn about. Check out books on your child's reading level and have him/her learn all they can about his/her tribe. We will have books available in class also.

We have been working on topic sentences, supporting sentences and ending sentences when constructing a good paragraph. Your child will need to write at least six paragraphs about his/her tribe.

**The written report should include the following:**

1. The report should be **typed**. Print it and staple at the top.
2. **Illustrated Cover or Title Page** with the child's name and name of the tribe he/she is studying.
3. **Introductory Paragraph** that introduces the Native American Culture studied.
4. **Four main paragraphs** on the topics that your child has chosen to write on regarding their tribe. These topics may include food, clothing, language, beliefs, customs, environment, tools or resources of the people. If you would like to add more paragraphs then that will count as extra credit.
5. **Concluding paragraph** that describes in three to four sentences the main ideas of the whole report.
6. **Glossary** of at least 3 new or interesting words your child has learned.

**Part 2: *The Creative Project*** We will be working on this project in class. Once the written report is done, then we will be weaving, making pots and also totem poles. If there is another creative project your child would like to do, then she/he is more than welcome to let me know what project she/he would like to do.

**Part 3: *Oral Report Presentation***

This will be a Google Slides presentation. It will be based on the report and put together with pictures. Students will be able to work on this in class and at home. We will work on this after the written report is done. Each student will present his/her slide presentation in class.

All three parts are to be child generated and child-friendly. I do not expect the parents to write the report or create the project. I would, however, appreciate your support in all three areas as your child works through and learns about the report process. If you have any questions, concerns or any information or artifacts regarding a specific Native American culture, please send an email.

Thank you,  
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