

Hello,

I hope all of my students, and their families are safe in their homes. In the weeks to come I will be sending along with your child's classroom teacher, some home teaching lessons you can do with your child. I realize that not every home has a fluent speaker, so I have come up with lessons that everyone should be able to do with their child. If you need help, you can call relatives that may be fluent speakers. The more English words you can replace with Navajo words in your everyday talking the better your children are able to make correct pronunciations and expand their Dine language vocabulary.

This week try to focus on the importance of clans, knowing where we come from, family, how we relate to one another as Dine people. Teach your child their four clans: Nishli (Who they are/ Mother's clan), Baschiin (Father's mother's clan), Dashicheii (Maternal grandfather's clan), and Dashinali (paternal grandfather's clan). Help your child say their clans, help them say the words correctly. Then have your child practice introducing themselves to you and others. Praise them for being able to introduce themselves, what is important to you is important to them.

-Mr. Etsitty

Monday 3/30	Tuesday 3/31	Wednesday 4/1	Thursday 4/2	Friday 4/3
Review the importance of clans with your children, talk about the importance of family relations- K'e	Teach your child their Nishli (First) and Bashchiin (Second) clans	Teach your child their Dashicheii (third) and Dashinali (fourth) clans	Have your child write down all their clans and practice saying them	Activity: Have your child introduce themselves to others in the household and call other relatives for your child to introduce themselves