As you read through a book, take time to stop and ask your child questions about the story. Try to ask questions that are “open-ended”, or do not have “yes” or “no” answers, such as, “Tell me about...”, “Why do you think...?”, or, “What do you think about...?”. These will encourage your child to build higher level thinking skills.

Monthly Activity

When children learn about and connect with their extended family, it gives them additional systems of support, love, and guidance as they navigate through life.

All About Family

1. Using crayons or markers and a sheet of blank paper, help your child to draw his/her family tree. Make sure to include grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, etc.

2. Then, when you have a family gathering or you speak to family on the phone, encourage them to do one of the following activities:
   - Share a traditional story from their childhood with your child.
   - Explain a family tradition to your child (i.e. why they eat a certain food, or celebrate certain holidays, play specific games, etc.)
   - Listen as your child shares about his/her favorite books, activities, art projects, etc.
   - Read a favorite book to your child and share why it is special to them.

This activity is inspired by “All in the Family” from Sesame Street in Communities: https://sesamestreetincommunities.org/topics/family-bonding/?activity=all-in-the-family

Monthly Family Reading Tip

American Indian and Alaskan Native Heritage Month November 2019

The Cloud Artist
Sherri Maret

Jingle Dancer
Cynthia Leitich Smith

Sweetest Kulu
Celina Kalluk

We Sang You Home
Richard Van Camp

Raccoon’s Last Race
Joseph and James Bruchac

Mission to Space
John Harrington

Ask Questions

Start a love of reading, one book at a time!