



# My Book, My Culture: family Literacy Project

Parents and other family members are invited to be **guest readers** during **Fireside's Literacy Week!**

Please select a book that represents your family's culture or something important to your family, or a book that connects to our theme of diversity. You are invited to share this story in-person, virtually, or make a recording of yourself reading it. If you would like to read in-person or virtually, contact your child's teacher to schedule a time. If you would like help choosing a title, please contact Ms. Pazour, our teacher-librarian, at [dede.pazour@bvsd.org](mailto:dede.pazour@bvsd.org) and she'll send you some potential titles. Lastly, **send this book to school with your child**, so they can share it with our Fireside community.. We will invite kids to have their picture taken with their book to put up around the halls of Fireside.

If you would like to submit a recording to share with the Fireside community, please consider the following:

- ☐ Record using your phone, tablet, or computer. Please have your phone or tablet horizontal when recording.
- ☐ Introduce yourself, your student, and the book you will be sharing. Explain why this story represents your culture and/or why it is important to your family.
- ☐ Read the story, showing the pictures as clearly as possible.
- ☐ Share the recording, either as a .mov file, YouTube link, or a Google Drive file to Michelle Mattocks, [michelle.mattocks@bvsd.org](mailto:michelle.mattocks@bvsd.org). If you need help with this, you can contact Michelle.

Videos will be added to a visual, interactive board to share with other students and families throughout the school.



We would also like to invite you to **share a Cultural Story**. We would love to learn more about each of our Fireside Families, and celebrate together what makes us special. You may want to share about a part of your identity, or about a special group that you belong to. Culture is really about any group you belong to or passion that you have that makes you **YOU!** The visual below might give you some inspiration:



You can share your story any way you like. Here are some ideas:

- Draw or paint a picture
- Make a [Heart Map](#) (your child may know what this is)
- Write a story
- Record a video (as directed above) – you may share a story, a dance, a special tradition, or doing something special with your family
- Send in a photo or collage.

You can email your contribution to Michelle Mattocks, [michelle.mattocks@bvsd.org](mailto:michelle.mattocks@bvsd.org), or send it to school with your child to give to his/her teacher. We will find a way to share all contributions with our community. If you have a special request about how you want us to share, or with whom you would like to share, please send a note along with your contribution.