



School-Home Connection

Your child is reading “Coyote Places the Stars,” by Harriet Peck Taylor. This story is adapted from several Native American folktales that tell a story about why we see constellations in the sky. You and your child may enjoy sharing the story and these activities. As you do so, you will be helping your child develop language skills.

Traditional Tales

Help your child read and discuss other traditional tales. Look for books like these in your local library:

- *Why the Sky is Far Away* by Mary-Joan Gerson. Little, Brown, 1995.
- *Anansi and the Talking Melon* by Eric A. Kimmel. Holiday House, 1995.
- *Coyote Steals the Blanket* by Janet Stevens, Holiday House, 1993.

VOCABULARY

What Word Is It?

The following words are new vocabulary your child has learned while reading “Coyote Places the Stars”:

canyon	swiftly	gazing
pride	skillful	feast
arranged		

You might enjoy playing a guessing game with your child to reinforce the meanings of these words. (Example: “I’m thinking of a word for a valley with steep walls.”)



TIME TO READ

Encourage your child to read for at least 30 minutes outside of class each day.

Listen to a Storyteller

Today, as in past years, storytellers keep traditions alive by telling old stories to new generations. Your family can be a part of this process. With your child, attend a storyteller’s performance in your community. Afterward, work with your child to retell the storyteller’s best story to others in your family.

Encourage your child to write down that story or a story of his or her own.

