

MEMORY BAG

Date:

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Your son or daughter may have been talking to you about a story we have been reading called Shi-shi-etko. It is a story about a young girl whose family is trying to help her prepare to go away to Indian Residential School. During the story, Shi-shi-etko and her family members gather items important to their culture for a memory bag for Shi-shi-etko.

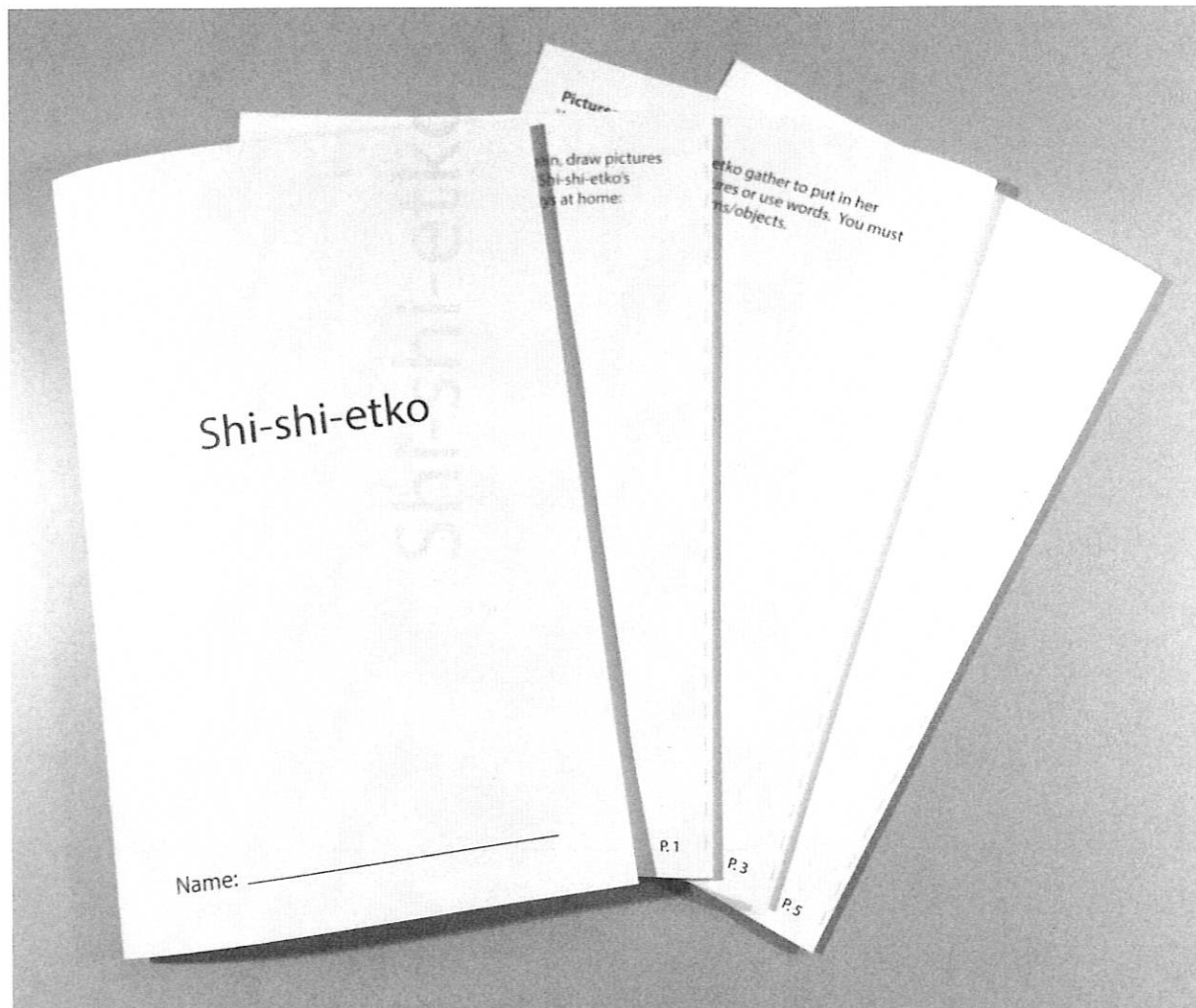
Our students are going to create their own memory bags with objects they think best symbolize what is valued by their families and cultures. Please talk with your child about what your family/culture holds most dear. Encourage your child to choose small objects that represent special times with family, or a picture of your family to symbolize the love you have for each other, etc.

We would like each child to bring in a minimum of five, and no more than ten, small items.

If you have a small drawstring bag at home that your child could use, that would be great.

The students will be presenting their memory bags and explaining the significance of each item to the class next week. Thank you for your support on this project.

, Teacher



Directions for assembling the Shi-shi-etko booklet

- Photo copy the pages single sided
- Fold all pages together carefully down the centre with the text showing on outside (no cutting involved)
- Pull the cover page separately and place the fold on the left (see photo)
- Separate the remaining pages keeping them folded with the fold on the right (1, 3, 5)
- Slide pages 1, 3, 5 between the pages of the cover page
- Two hole punch and tie together with yarn

Shi-shi-etko

Name: _____

