



FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT™
FOR HEALTHY LIVING
FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY



Dear Parents/Guardians:

Today in your child's classroom, I read the book *Eyes That Kiss in the Corners* by Joanna Ho. The author writes this book from a personal experience that promotes students understanding and appreciating their heritage at a young age. When people know more about their own culture, they are better able to understand and appreciate the culture of others. In this story, a young girl notices that her eyes look different from her friends'. Instead of their big, round eyes, hers "kiss in the corners and glow like warm tea". She realizes that her eyes are like her mother's, her amah's, and her little sister's and they are all beautiful. This book is about recognizing and embracing self-awareness, self-acceptance, and a commitment to live in alignment with your true values and beliefs. Encourage your child to be their authentic self.

Embrace who they are and all that they are by:

- Reflecting on values and beliefs
- Identifying passions and interests
- Challenging negative self-talk
- Acknowledging strengths and weaknesses
- Expressing gratitude

We hope you will talk with your child about *Eyes That Kiss in the Corners*:

- Share your own story with your child.
- Explore family rituals or traditions that promote internalizing cultural values and beliefs.
- Discuss what makes you each unique or different and how that makes you both interesting, authentic human beings.
- Discuss and write a family code of honor that embraces family values.
- Identify and build relationships with caring, supportive adults.

If you would like more information about the ABC program or would like to volunteer to read in the classroom, please contact me.

Sincerely,

ABC Volunteer

Telephone/Email