

Parent Email Blurb: *Eyes That Kiss in the Corners*

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. This story 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

Ask your child about *Eyes That Kiss in the Corners* and then discuss ways to celebrate and learn about cultures at home. One way is to write a family code of honor that embraces family values and culture. Another is to read books about different cultures, try different foods, and attend cultural celebrations. Share what you learn with friends and family.