Engaging Readers

Broaden understanding of family traditions and help students appreciate diversity in your community with books and discussion. Read titles like *Wild Berries* by Julie Flett, *Every Friday* by Dan Yaccarino, and *Family Pictures* by Carmen Lomas Garza. Talk about how a tradition is something that a family does on a regular basis—not just during holidays—and get kids thinking about their own family traditions and how they came about. Make and share an illustrated class book that features everyone’s family traditions.

Community Connection

Give students the opportunity to experience the traditions of others. Invite guests—family, community members or school staff—to come into your classroom and talk about or demonstrate a cultural tradition or share a story or book they would not ordinarily experience. Discuss with students how the culture and traditions of your guests and of students’ families all contribute to your community.

Ready Resources

Explore Infinity of Nations: Art and History in the Collections of the National Museum of the American Indian, where students can examine works of art and go on a Culture Quest, traveling a map to different Native nations to learn about the nation, its environment, and significant cultural objects.

nmai.si.edu/exhibitions/infinityofnations/culturequest/

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**Wild Berries**

by Julie Flett

Clarence delights in meeting an ant, a spider, and a fox while spending the day picking blueberries with his grandmother. In English and Swampy Cree.

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### November 2017 Calendar

- **1** November 2017: Celebrating a Nation of Diverse Readers, nea.org/readacross
- **2** Veteran’s Day
- **3** Substitute Educators Day
- **4** Thanksgiving
- **5** American Education Week begins
- **6** Education Support Professionals Day
- **7** Substitute Educators Day
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