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Hello Grade Threes! This Sunday is [National Indigenous Peoples Day](#)! This week, we are going to celebrate Indigenous culture and traditions and hear stories from Indigenous authors from Canada. By the end of the week, you will have experienced several activities you can repeat with your families to honour National Indigenous Peoples Day on Sunday! Have fun!

First, let's take a closer look at the word [Indigenous](#). Watch the video "The Word Indigenous" below to learn what it means.

To learn more about Indigenous Culture in Canada, have fun making a Cruncher! Follow this [link](#) for instructions on how to make your cruncher and how to play. Print out the cruncher, colour it, follow the folding instructions, and have fun playing! If you want the colour version of the Cruncher, follow this link to the entire [National Indigenous Peoples Day Activity Book](#). I will include a new activity each day from this activity book.

[REDACTED] Send me a photo or a video of you challenging a family member with the Cruncher!

Session 2 (30 min): Blackfoot Culture

The land we live on in Southern Alberta is traditional Blackfoot territory. Watch the video "[The Blackfoot Nation](#)" to learn more about this beautiful culture. You might recognize the locations from the video!

Follow this [link](#) to see a map of the traditional Blackfoot territory. Click on the map to get a closer view. Did you notice Crowsnest Mountain is a sacred place for the Blackfoot people?

The Blackfoot language is very beautiful. If you want to learn words from the Blackfoot language or even hear a story in Blackfoot - Napii and the Rock - download the free [Piikani Blackfoot Language App](#). If you are not able to download the app right now, you can still explore words in Blackfoot by checking out this [Blackfoot Dictionary](#).

Activity Option 1: Draw a modern map of Southern Alberta and use the Piikani Blackfoot Language App to label the place names in Blackfoot. Practice saying the Blackfoot names aloud.

Activity Option 2: Draw a nature scenery picture and include several animals we see in the area. Using the Piikani Blackfoot Language App or the Blackfoot Dictionary, label the animal names in Blackfoot. Practice saying the Blackfoot names aloud.

National Indigenous Peoples Day Activity Book Game: [The Kayak and Travois Game](#)

Session 3 (30 min): [REDACTED]

Danielle Daniel  
\*Photo taken from "[14 Inspiring Children's Books from Indigenous Writers](#)" by [Ashley July - A CBC Article](#)

## *Sometimes I Feel Like a Fox* by Danielle Daniel



SOMETIMES I FEEL LIKE A FOX

Danielle Daniel



*Sometimes I Feel Like a Fox* is a children's book written and illustrated by Danielle Daniel. ([danielledaniel.com/groundwood-books](http://danielledaniel.com/groundwood-books))

*Sometimes I Feel Like a Fox* is a children's introduction to the idea of totem animals, a deeply rooted Anishinaabe tradition. In a series of short poems that are accompanied by illustrations of children wearing masks, the book explains the idea of identifying with a chosen animal. Written and illustrated by Danielle Daniel, *Sometimes I Feel Like a Fox* also describes how totem animals can act as guides for people seeking to understand themselves and their place in the world better.

Danielle Daniel is an Indigenous Children's Book Author and Illustrator who lives in Ontario. Today we are going to read her book "[Sometimes I Feel Like a Fox](#)"; feel free to read the book yourself on Epic or watch the read aloud video provided. As you read/listen to her story, notice how beautiful her illustrations are and listen for the animal you relate to the most.

When you finish with the story, I would like you to get your crayons, pencil crayons, felt markers, or paints out and paint an illustration inspired by Danielle Daniel's illustrations. Choose the animal you connect with and have fun! When you finish, click on this assignment in Google Classroom and upload a picture of your art piece.

National Indigenous Peoples Day Activity Book Game: [Braiding Beautiful Bracelets](#)

Session 4 (30 min):

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\*Photo taken from "[9 Beautiful Children's Books by Indigenous Writers to Read](#)" by Cherie Dimaline - [A CBC Article](#)

## ***What's My Superpower?* by Aviaq Johnston, illustrated by Tim Mack**



What's My Superpower?, written by Aviaq Johnston and illustrated by Tim Mack, follows a young girl on her journey to finding what makes her unique. (Inhabit Media)

Governor General's Literary Award-nominated YA author Aviaq Johnston proves she is as versatile as she is skilled with her children's book about a little Inuk girl trying to find her own power. We get to meet the immensely likable Nalvana and learn Inuktitut words as we follow her on her journey. Heartwarming and energizing for all readers. Oh, and the kids will love it too.

Aviaq Johnston is an Indigenous Children's Book Author and Illustrator who lives in Nunavut and Ontario. Today we are going to read her book "[What's My Superpower?](#)". As you listen to the story, can you relate to the main character and how she feels throughout the story?

When you finish with the story, I would like you to think about what your superpower is. I would like you to get your art supplies out again and represent your superpower through art. When you finish, click on this assignment in Google Classroom and upload a picture of your art piece.

National Indigenous Peoples Day Activity Book Game: [The Miming Game](#)

Session 5 (30 min)

Smith

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## *You Hold Me Up* by Monique Gray Smith, illustrated by Danielle Daniel



*You Hold Me Up*, written by Monique Gray Smith and illustrated by Danielle Daniel, is a picture book that teaches children to show love and support for one another. (Centric Photography/Orcia Book Publishers)

A gorgeously illustrated picture book, *You Hold Me Up* is an important tool in starting and maintaining conversation about just what it means to have connections, to build relationships and to truly find reconciliation. It is exactly the kind of top-notch children's literature we have come to expect from Monique Gray Smith. And she delivers every time.

Monique Gray Smith is an Indigenous Children's Book Author and Illustrator who lives in British Columbia. Today we are going to read her book "[You Hold Me Up](#)"; feel free to read the book yourself on Epic or watch the read aloud video provided. As you read/listen to her story, think about who holds you up and who you hold up. When you finish with the story, I would like you to write a [thank you letter](#) to the person who holds you up and send it to them. It will truly make their day. To learn the 5 important parts of a letter, watch this [video](#).

Optional Challenge: Celebrate Fry Bread Friday by frying up a batch of fry bread! Watch this [video](#), or use the [recipe](#) from the National Indigenous Peoples Day Activity Book. Feel free to send a photo of your fry bread or a video of the cooking process! Have fun!

### Extra Activities

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Find more books by the authors you were introduced to this week on Epic:

- *Once in a Blue Moon* by Danielle Daniel
- *My Heart Fills with Happiness* by Monique Gray Smith

Games and  
Activities

[National Indigenous Peoples Day Activity Book](#) Check out the rest of the activities that were not already highlighted this week!  
[Indigenous Games for Children](#) Check out these cool Indigenous Games and give them a try at home! Have fun!