



Grandmother's Advice

Grandmother said, "Children, I have told you what Mother Bear taught our children long ago so that they could be safe from lead dangers.

Do you have any questions?"

Jesse Bright Sun said,

"Grandmother, I am worried. I know that some paint has lead. I am afraid to use my paint box and finger-paints."



Molly Small Deer said, "Grandmother, I am worried too. I have a pencil. I heard someone call it a 'lead pencil.' I am afraid to use my pencil."



Kyle Fire Walker and Carla Laughing Girl nodded. They too were worried.

Grandmother said, "Children, you do not have to worry. Your paint boxes are safe. They are marked 'nontoxic.' That means there is no lead in the paint."

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Grandmother said, "Your finger-paints are safe too. They are marked 'nontoxic.' That means there is no lead in the finger-paints."

Grandmother said, "Your pencils are safe.

A long time ago, pencils had lead in them.

But today there is no lead in pencils."



Grandmother said, "Children, it is good that you ask these questions. Always ask a grownup if you are worried about lead."

Let's Write about It

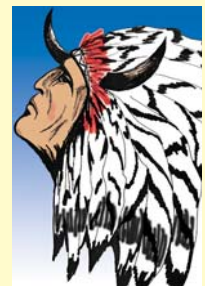
Do you have any questions about lead? You can write them here.

Who are some grownups you can ask about lead?

Maybe it's your mother or father.



Maybe it's your grandmother or grandfather.



Maybe it's your aunt or uncle.



Maybe it's your teacher or a tribal elder.

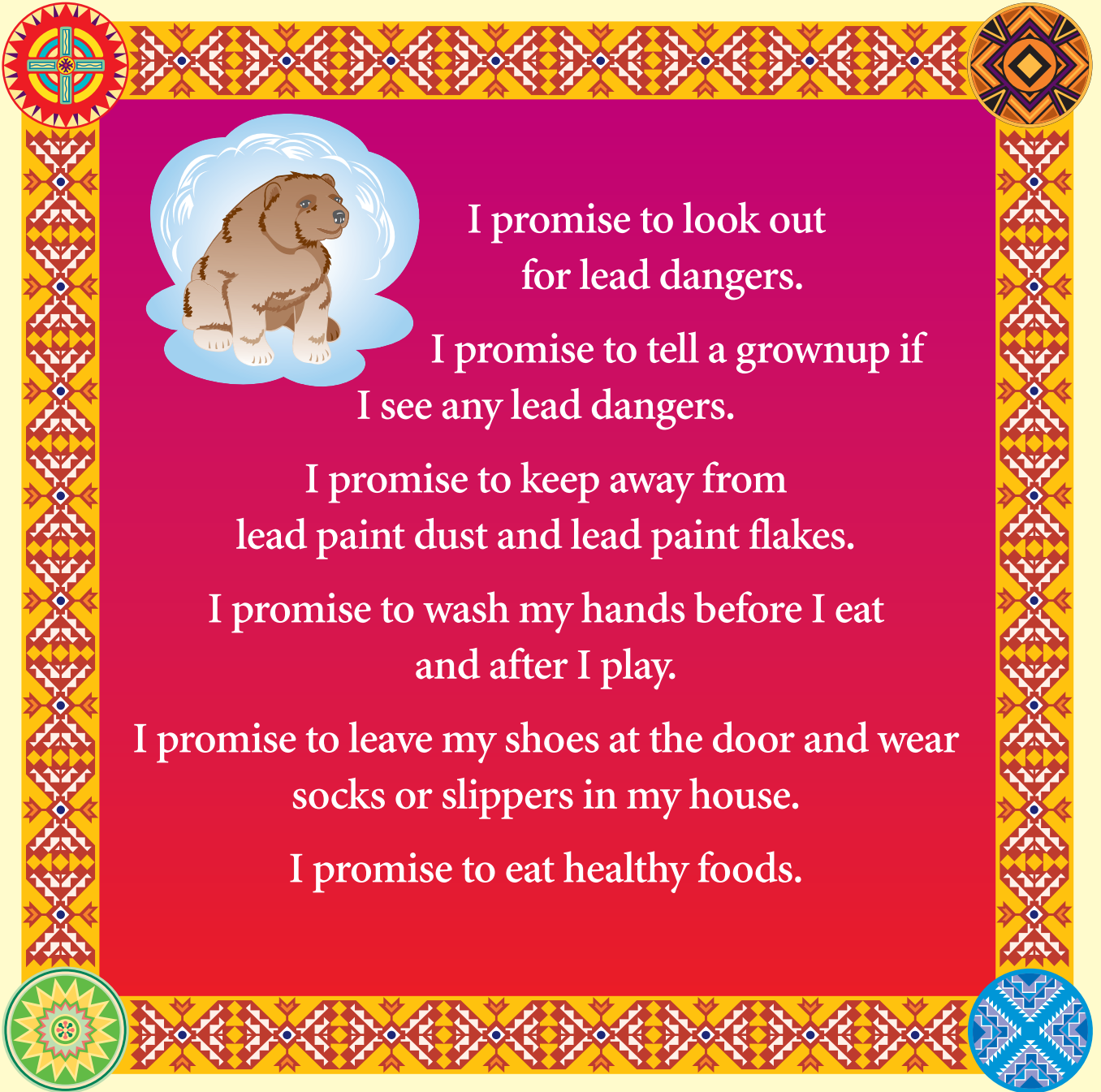


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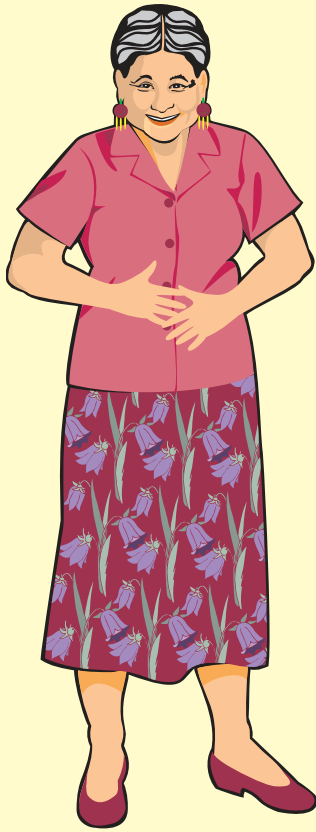
You can write their names here.

Mother Bear's Pledge

Grandmother said, "Mother Bear wants all children to be safe from lead dangers. You can help Mother Bear by taking this pledge."



The children all stood and said Mother Bear's pledge. Can you do that now? You can make Mother Bear's pledge into a chant if you like.

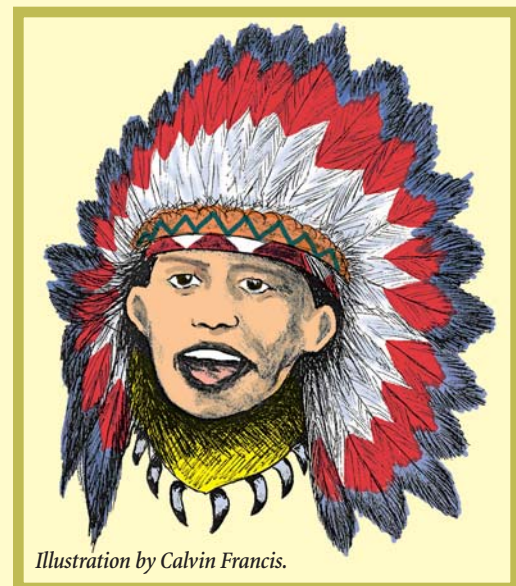


Grandmother said,
“Children, you have
done good work today.
You have learned about
lead. You can stay safe
from lead, and you can
help your brothers and
sisters stay safe.
Mother Bear will
be happy.”



Grandmother said, “Children,
now you can teach other people
how to be safe. Mother Bear
will be happy.”

Below, write the names of other
children or grownups you would
like to tell about lead safety.



Make a Poster for Your Home

Make your own lead-safety poster in the space below. You can draw or write anything that will help other people learn how to be safe from lead. You can use crayons, markers, pencils, pens, or paint.

