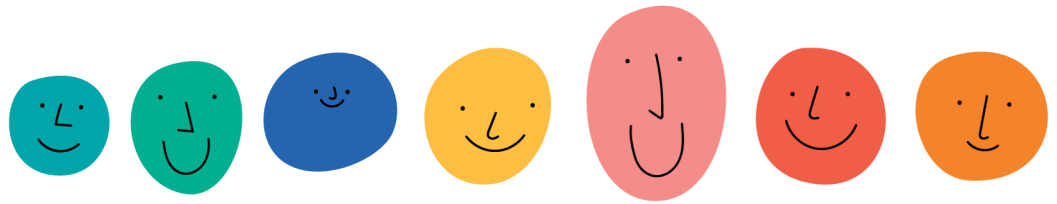




AANHPI

Heritage Month Kit



For the Family

May is Asian American & Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander (AANHPI) Heritage Month.

Hello, Parents and Caregivers!

Today, your student learned about Asian American & Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander (AANHPI) Heritage Month! Our lesson focused on themes of **courage and resilience** of the AANHPI communities.

- **AANHPI Heritage Month is *not* about countries in Asia.** Rather, it celebrates Americans of Asian descent ***in the USA***. The first Asians to settle here were Filipinos in 1750, before this land officially became the United States. AANHPI Heritage Month also celebrates the indigenous history and modern presence of Pacific Islander & Native Hawaiian communities.
- **It took nearly 100 years for anti-Asian immigration laws to be completely repealed.** Seen as the "perpetual foreigner," a wave of reactionary laws excluding those of Asian descent from entering the US were passed starting in 1875 (Page Act, Chinese Exclusion Act, Asiatic Barred Zone & more). These laws were repealed in 1965, during the Civil Rights Movement.
- **Asian Americans are the fastest growing racial group in the USA, including Georgia.** They are diverse and rich in history. Among them are: Chinese, Filipino, Hmong, Indian, Japanese, Korean, Laotian, Pakistani, Vietnamese, and so many more.
- **Did you know? Augusta, GA is the home of a thriving Chinese American community** that dates back to the 1870s Augusta Canal migrant workers.

This month, we celebrate the rich history and accomplishments of AANHPI communities, and celebrate the communal strength of these diverse Americans.

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