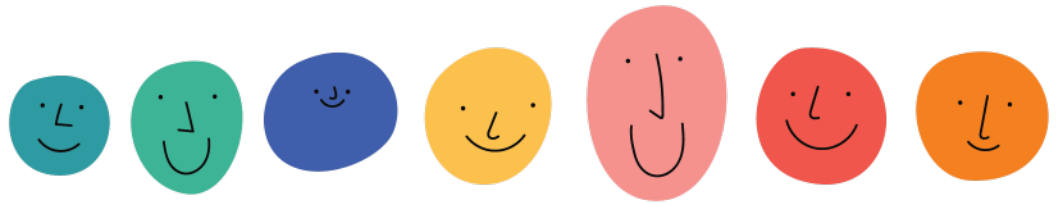




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## Parent/Caregiver Guide

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

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Today, your student learned about Asian American & Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander (AANHPI) Heritage Month! Our read-aloud and activity today focused on the theme of **identity** in the AANHPI community.

- **AANHPI Heritage Month is *not* about countries in Asia.** Rather, it celebrates Americans of Asian descent **in the USA**. The first Asians to arrive here were Filipinos in 1750, before this land became the United States!
- **The term “Asian American” was coined in 1968 by two activist graduate students** who wanted to bring together Japanese, Chinese and Filipinx American students with shared political goals. Before Emma Gee and Yuji Ichioka created this term, people of Asian descent were typically described by their specific ethnicity (e.g. Korean American). If people spoke broadly about people of Asian descent, the racist and colonial term “Oriental” was commonly used. In the decades since, the term, Asian American, has been taken up by the U.S. Census and other organizations.
- **Asian Americans are the fastest-growing racial group in the USA, including Georgia.** They are diverse and rich in history. Among them are: Chinese, Filipinx, 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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[PBS Video - History of “Asian American” term](#)



[Time Magazine Article - Asian American Studies](#)



[PBS Voices Video - Are You “AAPI” or “Asian American”? It’s Complicated.](#)

