



BEST BEGINNINGS

Alaska's Early Childhood Investment

BOOK TITLE: The Legend of the Indian Paintbrush
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SUMMARY OF BOOK: Many years ago, when the people traveled the plains, a young Native American boy had a dream in which he was told he would create a painting that was as pure as a sunset. He tries and eventually succeeds in fulfilling the dream.

***BEFORE READING** (Ask questions and use what the child already knows to add to the discussion, assisting the child in understanding and enjoying the book):

Try questions such as these:

1. Looking at the cover of the book, what do you think the story might be about?
2. Talk about "sunset" and point out the sunset to your child.

DURING READING (ask these questions):

1. Talk about the colors in the sunset.
2. Ask your child if she has ever had a dream. What was it about?

AFTER READING (activity to extend book experience):

1. Paint a picture of a sunset.
2. Watch the sunset.
3. Tell about a dream you have had.

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