



## November's Topic:

### **NATIVE AMERICANS & NATURAL RESOURCES**

- Native Americans were the very first people to live in Missouri. Tribes such as the Missouri, Osage, Fox and the Sauk lived in Missouri.
- Native Americans were careful not to waste any part of an animal that they killed. For instance, after eating the meat of a deer they used the deer hide for clothing, bones for utensil handles and needles, and antlers for knife handles and tools.
- They used feathers for head dresses and other decorations.
- Rocks were made into arrowheads and tools.
- Wild plants were used for food, dyes and medicines.
- Gourds were grown for food and to house purple martin birds, which controlled mosquito populations in the villages.
- We can learn much about conservation by studying the ways of Native Americans.

**Book Suggestions by Native Authors:** *Jingle Dancer*, by Cynthia Leitich Smith, *Fry Bread*, by Kevin Noble Maillard, and *We Are Grateful*, by Traci Sorell