## **Social Studies**

- The child learned about Fijian culture and traditions through the experience of participating in a sevusevu ceremony.
- They learned about the significance of sevusevu as a way for visitors to show respect and seek permission to enter a village.
- They gained an understanding of the importance of community and hospitality in Fijian culture.
- They learned about the traditional practices and customs followed during the ceremony, such as presenting a yagona (kava) root as a gift.

For continued development, students can further explore the culture and traditions of other Pacific Island nations, such as Samoa or Tonga. They can research and compare the customs followed during similar ceremonies in different Pacific Island cultures. They can also create a presentation or poster showcasing their learning and share it with their classmates.

## **Book Recommendations**

- <u>Island of the Blue Dolphins</u> by Scott O'Dell: A fictional story set on an island off the coast of California, where a young girl named Karana learns to survive and adapt to her surroundings, much like the Fijian people have adapted to their environment.
- <u>Children Just Like Me: A Unique Celebration of Children Around the World</u> by Anabel Kindersley and Barnabas Kindersley: This book provides an insight into the lives of children from different countries, including Fiji, showcasing their daily routines, traditions, and culture.
- <u>Tapa Bark Cloth: Masterpieces of Oceanic Art</u> by Michael Gunn: This book explores the significance of tapa cloth in Pacific Island cultures, including Fiji. It provides a visual journey into the artistry of tapa cloth and its cultural importance.

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