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In this book, you will meet:



Melodie



Monica



It is Kaska Day at school. Monica and Melodie want to learn new things.

It will be fun.



They go outside. They have new mitts. They made the mitts in Kaska class.



Monica and Melodie learn to play the snowsnake game. Henry helps them learn the snowsnake game.

It is fun.

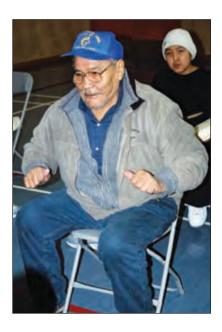


Melodie and Monica go inside.

They hear the drum.

Tom helps them learn to play handgames.

Tyler helps too. Tyler plays the drum.





Monica hides something in one hand.

Melodie hides something in one hand too.

Who can guess which hand it is?

It is fun to play handgames.



Melodie likes to dance. Monica likes to dance too. The teacher helps them learn

to dance.

It is fun to dance.



It is time to eat.

Monica and Melodie eat moose stew and bannock.

They like moose stew and bannock.



Melodie and Monica like to learn new things.

Kaska Day at school is fun!

THE KASKA NATION

The Kaska Nation represents five first Nations in the southeast Yukon and northern British Columbia. It includes the Ross River Dena Council, Liard First Nation, Lower Post First Nation, Dease River First Nation and the Kwadacha First Nation. Kaska is an Athapaskan language spoken by most people in these communities.



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