Grandmother’s Advice

Grandmother said, “Children, I have told you what Mother Bear taught our children long ago so that they could be safe from lead dangers. Do you have any questions?”

Jesse Bright Sun said, “Grandmother, I am worried. I know that some paint has lead. I am afraid to use my paint box and finger-paints.”

Molly Small Deer said, “Grandmother, I am worried too. I have a pencil. I heard someone call it a ‘lead pencil.’ I am afraid to use my pencil.”

Kyle Fire Walker and Carla Laughing Girl nodded. They too were worried.

Grandmother said, “Children, you do not have to worry. Your paint boxes are safe. They are marked ‘nontoxic.’ That means there is no lead in the paint.”
Grandmother said, “Your finger-paints are safe too. They are marked ‘nontoxic.’ That means there is no lead in the finger-paints.”

Grandmother said, “Your pencils are safe. A long time ago, pencils had lead in them. But today there is no lead in pencils.”

Grandmother said, “Children, it is good that you ask these questions. Always ask a grownup if you are worried about lead.”

**Let’s Write about It**

Do you have any questions about lead? You can write them here.

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Who are some grownups you can ask about lead?

Maybe it’s your mother or father.

Maybe it’s your grandmother or grandfather.

Maybe it’s your aunt or uncle.

Maybe it’s your teacher or a tribal elder.

You can write their names here.

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Mother Bear’s Pledge

Grandmother said, “Mother Bear wants all children to be safe from lead dangers. You can help Mother Bear by taking this pledge.”

I promise to look out for lead dangers.
I promise to tell a grownup if I see any lead dangers.
I promise to keep away from lead paint dust and lead paint flakes.
I promise to wash my hands before I eat and after I play.
I promise to leave my shoes at the door and wear socks or slippers in my house.
I promise to eat healthy foods.

The children all stood and said Mother Bear’s pledge. Can you do that now? You can make Mother Bear’s pledge into a chant if you like.
Grandmother said, “Children, you have done good work today. You have learned about lead. You can stay safe from lead, and you can help your brothers and sisters stay safe. Mother Bear will be happy.”

Grandmother said, “Children, now you can teach other people how to be safe. Mother Bear will be happy.”

Below, write the names of other children or grownups you would like to tell about lead safety.

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Make a Poster for Your Home

Make your own lead-safety poster in the space below. You can draw or write anything that will help other people learn how to be safe from lead. You can use crayons, markers, pencils, pens, or paint.