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**Arlington (November 24, 2015)** – Ms. Ziegler’s class at Haller Middle School received the honor of creating ornaments for the Christmas tree placed in the Capitol building in Olympia. The Stillaguamish Tribe of Indians generously agreed to let the students use their salmon logo to make bentwood boxes as ornaments.

The ornaments were created in a multi-step process. Strips of brown paper were cut and students then brushed streaks of thinned white paint on to create the look of birch wood. Once the paint dried, the students used a template of the salmon logo provided by the Stillaguamish Tribe and stippled red and black paint over the stencil. The final step was to tie rafia on each ornament for hanging.

Ms. Ziegler used the opportunity to teach her students about the importance of salmon to the Stillaguamish Tribe. They learned how the tribe works to educate the community about the importance of managing our natural resources (fish, shellfish, and wildlife) for generations to come.

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