

Culture



Essential Learning Experiences

Social Emotional	Physical
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Taking Perspective of others and Showing Empathy – Moving beyond believing that everyone sees the world as they do. Model and discuss the perspective of others with the children. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Fine Motor – Beading with different shapes and sizes.
Spiritual	Intellectual
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Experiencing heightened sensory awareness – Allow children to “feel” the different textures of furs, hides and cloth. ✓ Use documentation of children’s experiences in photographs and video to share with the and discuss what they recall and how they felt. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Incorporating ideas from prior listening experiences into play – Provide props, costumes, materials, art supplies to allow children to extend their learning. ✓ Incorporate the use of drum beats to help children understand the syllables in words. ✓ Engaging with books and stories – use pictures, posters and books to promote ideas of diversity.

Further Suggestions -Early Years Evaluation Domains

Awareness of Self & Environment	Cognitive Skills
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Have students bring items from home to show cultural similarities ✓ Building a tipi together can help open up conversations about the homes we live in. (the division has 2 small tipi's that can be borrowed from the TRC. ✓ Talking circle with talking stick (developing a sense of others) ✓ Interconnectedness ✓ Nature walks ✓ Caring for the environment ✓ Uses of plants (traditional) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Beads & pipe cleaners (patterns, counting beads/colors) exploring numeracy ✓ Men's ABC book
Language & Communication	Physical Development
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Act out the story "The Mitten" by Jan Brett with each child as a different animal ✓ Discuss the various animals and textures of fur and items ✓ Include an "odd" items does not belong to spark conversation about why is doesn't fit, etc. ✓ Show and share about a favorite item from the selection ✓ Act out different legends 	<p>Gross Motor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Drumming <p>Fine Motor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ drawing on paper bags ✓ include a lacing activity ✓ Round dance to drum ✓ Drumming ✓ Traditional games
EAL	Gender
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Use Cree language labels ✓ Books with Michif translation ✓ Cree songs/cd's with stories in Michif or Cree 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Discussion about girls and boys roles in Aboriginal culture