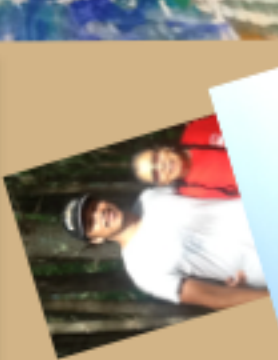




Indigenous Protectors of
Waterways:
Narragansett



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THIS YEAR'S PROGRAM IS DEDICATED TO THE PEOPLE
OF STANDING ROCK NORTH DAKOTA

Community

Story: "Has Plenty" Written by Silvermoon Mars-LaRose, a Narragansett writer/storyteller - This story teaches the importance of sharing, recycling, and caring for one's community

Lesson Objectives:

- Share your resources
- Recycle
- Community Action

Action Plan:

- Gather your old toys/clothing to donate
- Write a letter to one of your Elders
- Tell someone in your community in what way they have been helpful to you
- Plan to be helpful to someone

Crafts:

Picture frames made from recycled and natural items (i.e. twigs, pebbles, shells)
Playroom/Storage box made from recycled shoeboxes

Mother Earth

Story: Recorded story of how berries came to the Narragansett - This story teaches the importance of caring, gifting, seasonal changes, and having a positive attitude

Lesson Objectives:

- Keeping your environment clean
- Recycle

Action Plan:

- Clean your bedroom at home
- Clean your yard
- Start seeding for spring

Crafts:

- Weaving berry baskets
- Medicine Wheels
- Egg carton seedlings



Water is Sacred

Story: Three Sisters (Corn, Bean, and Squash). This story demonstrates the positive affects, benefits, and necessity of getting along.

Action Plan:

- Talk to someone different in your class or at lunch
- Do something nice for a classmate
- Find out if there is a community garden in your community and plant a Three Sisters Garden
- Write letter to the children of Standing Rock

Lesson Objectives:

- Water is Life- Local Waterways
- Respect Life
- NODAPL Effort

Crafts:

- Corn husk dolls
- Bean bags



Reeds: Nature's Filters

Story: Recorded "How the Birds got Their Songs." This story teaches the importance of identity

Cattail are useful from root to tip. The yellow pollen is used as a medicine to treat allergies, the brown portion is filled with absorbent fibers that can be used to insulate shoes, baby cradleboards and diapers. The starchy fluid at its stem can be used as toothpaste or a thickener for soup.



Cattail



Crafts:

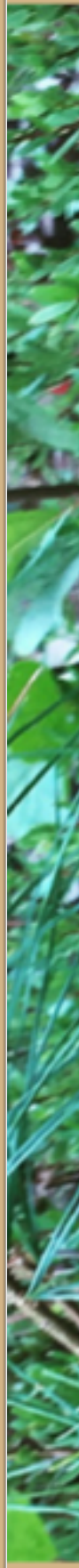
Demonstrate capillary action using paper towels/cups and colored water
Make natural cordage/ropes from reeds

Lesson Objectives:

- Capillary action
- Using natural materials

Action Plan:

- Visit a local pond to identify filter plants and examine various grasses. (If not use pictures of local species)
- Explore your environment and collect natural materials for practical use (i.e. stones for paperweights)





OUR STORIES

HOW THE BIRDS
GOT THEIR SONGS

