

Aboriginal Culture in Early Learning Kindergarten



Vivian McLeod, Ojibwe language instructor, visits the class at Cyril Varney every day for 20 minutes.



Kylie is proud to give us the hand talk for the bear. Students have been learning all about the hand signals, as well as the Ojibwe names for animals.



Winnie teaches Cianna all about the importance of drumming and preserving our First Nations culture during the Kindergarten registration evening.



The class listens closely as Sharla talks about the importance of a talking feather. To begin, Sharla shares a sacred element to discuss with the class. Artifacts made with sweet grass, birch bark and moose antlers are just a couple of the elements that each student has the opportunity to talk about. Sharing goes clockwise, giving each person an opportunity to share from the heart.

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The children cup their hand together as they prepare themselves to do the hand talk for the turtle.



Students explore the art of tipi building. They learn about persistence and perseverance.



The children discuss things in our environment that are white just like one of the sections on the medicine wheel.



Sharla models talking circle protocols as students discuss the importance of our Mother Earth.