

THE SPIRIT OF THE EAGLE

GRADE LEVEL: Preschool - Primary

**SUBJECT
AREA:** Language Arts

GOAL: 1. To learn that the eagle is very important
 and should be respected.
 2. To understand how the eagle contributes
 to the survival of a nation.

OBJECTIVES: 1. Students will develop a respect for the
 things around them.
 2. Students will develop an appreciation for
 the eagle.
 3. Student will be able to recognize that
 all things are sacred..
 4. Students will develop a sense of
 self-determination.
 5. Students will understand all things in
 life help one another.

**CULTURAL
CONCEPT:** We must show respect for our brother the
 eagle for he is a highly valued spiritual
 being.

CULTURAL LESSON:

When we look at the eagle and our Native people, we may wonder why is the eagle so important to us? When we look at the eagle, we see him as a symbol of strength, protection and endurance. He is the messenger of the Creator. He is the link between our people and the Creator. His feathers and down are valued greatly. The giving of an eagle feather to someone is considered very special. No one has the right to take a feather for only himself or herself. We always use the feather in our ceremonies to remember the eagle as our savior.

**STUDENT
ACTIVITIES:** 1. Have a class discussion about the many
 kinds of birds and their colors.
 2. Read a story of how the eagle saved our
 nation from destruction.

3. Go on a field trip and count/name the many kinds of birds seen and graph them.
4. Using magazines (Outdoor Canada) cut out pictures of birds in their area and make a collage.

**EVALUATION
ACTIVITIES:**

1. Listen and observe students in art activity.
2. Have students name the birds as teacher shows visuals. (ask for characteristics, i.e. their color, season, food, and what they do)

RESOURCES:

Mishomis book - Edward Benton (Banai)
Ojibway Heritage - Basil Johnston
Touch a Child - Ministry of Education
Kokoko the Owl - O.C.F.
Why the Robin has a Red Breast
Elders and Veterans

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