

## Dee Ni Language Lesson

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**Project/Activity Name and ID Number:**

*Cedar - Winter*

**04.AS.02d**

**Common Curriculum Goal:**

*2<sup>nd</sup> Language: Topics: CIM: Environment*

*2<sup>nd</sup> Language: Speaking: BM3: Express likes and dislikes; use familiar vocabulary in context.*

*2<sup>nd</sup> Language: Listening/Reading/Writing: Various, depending on associated vocabulary and phrases from related activities.*

*Science: 3<sup>rd</sup>: Life Science: Diversity and Interdependence: Describe a habitat and the relationships among the organisms that live there.*

*Arts: AR.05.CP.01; AR.05.CP.03*

**Season/Location:**

*Winter – associated with solstice and culture camp. Could also be done as a “camping” activity. Could also be done in fall or spring; Earth Day is April 22<sup>nd</sup>.*

**Partners/Guests/Community:**

*Natural Resources, Culture Department, Interested community/tribal members, Forestry, Carvers.*

**Cultural Component(s):**

**Arts and Aesthetics**

Communication

Government

Science

**Belief -World View**

Family

**History**

**Shelter**

**Clothing**

Food

**Medicine**

**Transportation**

Fun

Medium of Exchange

**Tools and Technology**

**Project/Activity Lesson Objective Components:**

***Vocabulary:***

<i>Bark</i>	<i>Ch'ee-lan'-tr'e'</i>
<i>Branch</i>	<i>Lan-tr'e'</i>
<i>Canoe</i>	<i>Xee-nvs</i>
<i>Cedar tree</i>	<i>Ghvs-t'utlh</i>
<i>Cone</i>	<i>Chee-larn'sh</i>
<i>Leaf</i>	<i>Dan'</i>
<i>Regalia trunk</i>	<i>Chvn-xee-nvs</i>
<i>Skirt/dress</i>	<i>Ch'aa-'i'</i>

<i>Split (it is)</i>	<i>Daa-naystlh-sri~</i>
<i>Stool/chair</i>	<i>K'wvt-daa-trvs-da</i>
<i>Tree</i>	<i>Tr'aa-me</i>
<i>Wood</i>	<i>Shvr'sh</i>

- *Collective vocabulary from prior lesson(s):*
  - *Nature/elements*
  - *Nee Dash*
  - *Greetings and Goodbyes*
  - *Senses*
  - *Shapes*

**Grammar:**

- *3 – 5: Complex written and spoken sentence structure; noun and verb conjugation, including past/present/future aspects of time; spelling (teacher-generated).*

**Phrases (Writing, Speaking, Reading, Listening):**

*Student generated phrases, Interrogatives.*

**After completing the lesson, Students and/or Instructors will be able to:**

1. *Describe a variety of traditional uses for cedar wood, bark, and foliage using Dee Ni vocabulary.*
2. *Create an object using cedar*
3. *Write a friendly letter in both English and Dee Ni*
4. *Identify cedar and describe its environmental requirements.*
5. *Re-tell a tree-themed traditional story.*

**Assessment:**

- **Translation**
- **Effort/Visual Form**
- **Percentage**
- **Conversation**
- **Collaboration**
- **Conventions**
- **Delivery**
- *Ideas and Content*
- **Percentage**

**Activity/Project Description:**

- *Students view/handle cedar and cedar wood and bark objects.*
- *Students learn to identify cedar wood, bark, branches, seeds, cones, and foliage.*
- *Students learn cedar's classification as an evergreen, and learn that there are a variety of cedar species found in Siletz ancestral homelands.*
- *Students select a project and work alone or in pairs to create it.*

- *Cedar creations could include: a model of a plank house, bark cloth, bark basket, model of a regalia trunk, model of a canoe, a chair... what else???*
- *Students should complete a self-assessment after completion.*
- *Qualities of cedar wood and bark that make it desirable should be described – rot and insect resistant, straight grain, light, soft bark, easy to split, burns bright, etc.*
- *The role of cedar in a forest ecosystem should be described. (Can be addressed in the context of “Elements”).*
- *Teacher works with Natural Resources and/or Forestry to arrange a trip to a forest where old cedars are found (Drift Creek Wilderness?). Students use their ID skills to locate trees.*
- *Traditional methods of splitting cedar from standing trees should be described. Really ambitious teachers and kids could give this a try. It would be ideal to have a demonstration of plank splitting, regardless of where it happens.*
- *Activity should include growing and planting cedar trees somewhere. (Cedars probably get too big for around the school – a clearcut on tribal land would be better.)*
- *The growing/planting activity could include “adopting” a tree. This tree could be studied (measured, etc.) over time as a long-term study. The concept of an adopted tree could also be inspiration for English and/or Dee Ni writing prompts.*
- *Project could ultimately lead to something bigger – creating a canoe, dress, trunk, or plank house.*
- *The medicinal/spiritual nature of cedar should be described.*

### **Materials/Supplies:**

- *Cedar tree seedlings/seeds, pots, soil. (Trees could be started by K-2)*
- *Forest where cedars grow – and samples of wood, bark, foliage, cones, and seeds.*
- *Whatever is necessary to make cedar bark cloth.*
- *Photos/examples of traditional cedar objects and uses.*
- *Chisels, saws, sandpaper - woodworking equipment.*
- *Cedar boards/logs.*
- *Print and digital Dee Ni dictionary.*
- *Lesson Materials:*
  - *Nature/elements*
  - *Nee Dash*
  - *Greetings and Goodbyes*
  - *Senses*
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