

## Dee Ni Language Lesson

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

*Nee Dash*

**HS.HC.05**

**Common Curriculum Goal:**

N/A

**Season/Location:**

*December – Prior to winter solstice/Nee Dash*

*Dance House*

**Partners/Guests/Community:**

*Siletz Culture Department, Community Storytellers, CTSI – Prevention Staff*

**Cultural Component(s):**

**Arts and Aesthetics**

Communication

Government

Science

**Belief -World View**

Family

History

**Shelter**

**Clothing**

Food

Medicine

Transportation

**Medium of Exchange**

Tools and Technology

**Project/Activity Lesson Objective Components:**

***Vocabulary:***

<b>English</b>	<b>Dee Ni</b>
<i>Feather</i>	<i>Ch'ee-ta'</i>
<i>Fire</i>	<i>Xwvn'</i>
<i>Home</i>	<i>Mee-ne'</i>
<i>Prayers</i>	<i>Chutlh-yvmlh</i>
<i>The Dance</i>	<i>Nee Dash</i>

***Grammar:***

N/A

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

N/A

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

1. *Understand and use proper etiquette in the Dance House*

2. *Identify Nee Dash related items using Dee Ni vocabulary*
3. *Recognize Nee Dash regalia*

**Activity/Project Description:**

- *Nee Dash vocabulary is taught using poster illustrations, flash cards and audio recording(s).*
- *Teacher presents "The Origin Story". The origin story [HS.01.01a] would be an appropriate partnering lesson.*
- *Member(s) of the Culture department and/or community can bring Siletz regalia into the classroom for the kids to see.*
- *Teachers/staff/community members lead a trip to the dance house. Other community members might be invited. A member of the Culture department shares the creation story. If appropriate, the kids can sing their song. If possible, a couple of tribal members could wear and demonstrate the dance. Dee Ni vocabulary can be used in all of these activities.*

**Materials/Supplies:**

- *Picture flash cards with illustrations representing Nee Dash*
- *Audio recording of vocabulary words and Nee Dash song*
- *Half sheet hand-outs with corresponding vocabulary*
- *Poster illustrations representing Nee Dash*
- *\*Optional\* Examples of traditional Siletz regalia and the materials used to make the items*