

Dee Ni Language Lesson

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

Fun

**Medium of
Exchange**

Tools and
Technology

Project/Activity Lesson Objective Components:

Vocabulary:

English	Dee Ni
<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*