



WV Aboriginal Education Committee

School Plans – 2014/2015

School: EH Montessori

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FN Education Projects/Programs Planned for 2014/2015

Kindergarten

Kindergarten will be reading aboriginal related storybooks and salmon life cycle.

Grade 1/2/3s

The grade 1/2/3s from our classes are combining the Montessori fundamental needs (survival needs) with Ab Ed by completing a chart about how an aboriginal group in Canada meet their fundamental needs. Then, they will complete a similar chart about how an aboriginal Asian population meet their needs. In this way, the students will have a more comprehensive idea about how traditional people have historically (and in present day) relied heavily on the environment to meet their needs. Our biomes curriculum also enhances these connections and reinforces that we too are connected to and reliant on our environment and therefore have a responsibility to engage in environmental stewardship on a personal, community and national level.

We are also talking about the significance of salmon in First Nations culture in our area, and have already read a book to introduce that idea. In the third term we will spend more time learning about some of the traditional "origins stories" of various aboriginal cultures, and as we become familiar with the themes, the children will attempt to write some of their own.

Grade 4/5

4 levels of government

Next term I will be doing a short novel study on a book called Fatty Legs.

Whole School

Salmon life cycle

Plant/garden study with native elders

Compare and contrast of First Nations communities and Asian communities