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NLI Summer 1999 - Benchmark Content Areas for NW Native American Languages, Topics,  
Teaching Units  
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Benchmark Content Areas - Topics Level I

1. Self:

body parts  
greetings  
name  
feelings  
age  
introductions  
gender terms - age appropriate  
phone number/address  
care of the body  
cultural mores/ethics

2. Family:

mother/father  
grandmother/father  
guardian  
daughter/son

3. Calendar:

seasons  
lunar cycle  
days  
time - day division  
clock time

4. Food:

favorites  
traditional (ceremonial)  
root names, meats, fish  
plants/colors

Cultural Activities:

digging  
preparing  
drying  
serving

5. **School:**  
Basic TPR commands  
basic nouns - classroom/playground

6. **Animals:**  
domestic/wild

Topic Units - Body parts

Head:

hair  
forehead  
eyebrows  
eyes  
eyeball  
eyelashes

cheeks  
ears

mouth  
teeth  
lips  
tongue  
throat

chin  
jaw

Verbs:

brush see  
floss look  
speak  
talk  
smile  
frown  
close/open

w/hair:

comb  
part  
style  
colors  
braid  
wash  
cut

Auxiliary:

colors  
numbers 1-4

TPR and locational terms:

left,right  
up,down  
bottom,top  
behind, in front of  
middle  
tilt,turn

## Level II

1. Seasons
2. Weather
3. Location
4. Clothing
5. Calendar

2. Weather:
  - terms
  - adjectives
  - verbs of perception, e.g., feel, touch, see
  - nouns

Unit can be linked to:

math lessons - charting  
graphing  
mapping  
numbers/addition concepts

colors  
art projects    traditional art/seasonal  
alphabet/sounds

4. Clothing:
  - related topics:
    - terms
    - styles
    - colors
    - gender
    - sizes
    - seasonal
    - material
    - various patterns
    - dyes
    - plants
    - preparation of dyes
    - weaving
    - traditional patterns/styles
    - regalia

### Level III

1. Home
2. Geography
3. Community
4. Health
5. Transportation

#### 1. Home:

objects in home  
commands - home/food/cleaning up  
maintaining home  
difference between home and houses  
    traditional houses/home  
        tipi  
        pit  
        long houses  
        short houses  
        sweathouse  
        outhouse  
        summer camps  
        lean-tos  
    contemporary houses/home  
        house  
        apartments  
        trailers  
        modules  
        RVs  
    homelessness  
    shelter homes/foster homes  
daily routine  
safety

Materials:  
tule  
wood  
canvas  
indian hemp  
horse hair  
sinew

Level III -

2. Geography Unit

1. local locations

mountains, rivers, roads, bodies of water

field trips include:

long house

museum

short house

rivers, lakes

mountains

legend sites

historical sites

root and berry sites

wild horse sites

ceremonial sites

pow wow sites

baseball fields

game sites

Related topics:

foods, animals

environment/environmental concern

respect for

taking care of

3. Community - Activities

leadership

awareness signs in community: drug, alcohol, tobacco -  
alternatives to

prevention activities

picking up trash

maps of area

walks around areas

dance, songs, food for elders/seniors

can drives

clean up trash