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

TPR and locational terms:
left,right
up,down
bottom,top
behind, in front of
middle
tilt,turn

Auxiliary:
colors
numbers 1-4
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                      dyes
   styles                      plants
   colors                     preparation of dyes
   gender                      weaving
   sizes                       traditional patterns/styles
   seasonal                    regalia
   material
   various patterns
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