

Endazhi- Nitaawiging Biidaajimowin

THE PLACE WHERE
IT GROWS

OUR VISION

Our vision is to create confident leaders grounded in their true inherent identities and to ensure that they are academically, socially, and spiritually prepared to positively change the community and world.



THIS NEWSLETTER
CONTAINS THE
FOLLOWING:

- Teacher updates
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UPCOMING EVENTS

- Solstice break
12/17/2022 -
01/02/2023

Gekinoo'amaaged



Boozhoo! Aaniin!

Inga-dibaadondaan gaa-inakamigak omaa Endazhi-nitaawiging omaa abinoojiihn gitigan, netamising, miinawaa eko-niizhing. Here is a little update about what has been happening here at Endazhi-nitaawiging in kindergarten, first and second grade!

The children are becoming accustomed to coming to school here, and getting into the routine and culture at Endazhi-nitaawiging. We have been focusing on building friends and community here at the school, specifically our opening and closing drum ceremonies and working with other classes and grades in the school for projects and cultural activities. Our main focus for this first part of the year has been to get the children accustomed to an Ojibwe language environment. We have been using a lot of songs, repetition, and games to help students learn basic conversational Ojibwe phrases to use both in the classroom and at home. Along with language learning, we have also been focusing on language integration through cultural activities. In science and social studies, we are using cultural activities such as ricing, fishing, deer hunting, and hide work. We are going to miss your kids over the next couple weeks. We sincerely hope that your families have a wonderful start to the new year!

**Weweni!
Ziibiins**

Boozhoo families!

Niwii-tazhindaan bangii enakamigiziwaad igiw namensag omaa Endazhi-nitaawiging! I'm going to speak a little about what is happening with Namensag (Little Sturgeons) here at Endazhi-nitaawiging. Namensag is the name of one of our two 3rd-5th mixed grade classes here at Endazhi-nitaawiging. So far a big focus of Namensag this year has been community building and growing confidence, love, and self-esteem within our language and culture here at Endazhi-nitaawiging specifically through opening and closing drum ceremonies each week and daily asemaakeng (working with our tobacco). Along the way we have begun to learn about indigenous food systems and our food wheel, a sort of indigenous version of the food pyramid, as well as beginning to explore the relationship between the US government and tribal governments. Namensag have also been working with our Ojibwe language beginning to identify nouns and verbs within simple two-word sentences and learning to talk about numbers into the 1,000s and even 100,000s and learning to talk about zhooniyaa (money) in Ojibwemowin. We are wishing your families a safe and happy break and we look forward to coming back together in the new year and continuing on our journey together.

Weweni, Naagaanwewidang.



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Aaniin gakina awiiya Miskwaanakwad indigoo,

I lead the Ma'iingaansag (Little Wolves) class, one of the upper grade classes (3rd-5th) here at Endazhi-Nitaawiging. I'd like to share what we have been up to in the Fall season!

A Typical day in Ma'iingaans begins with asemaake, which the students really love doing. During Asemaake students volunteer to smudge and pass out the asemaa. Asemaake is a great way for students to come together and start their day off in a good way. After asemaake students are ready for about an hour of learning Ojibwe Language Arts which includes total physical responses exercises, vocabulary, and learning to read and write in the double vowel system. Following our morning routine, we work and focus on areas of study that are needed for standards such as math, science, social studies and health.

Ojibwe language and culture is the core of our program here at Endazhi-Nitaawiging. To engage our students in culture a cultural theme calendar was created so that students are exposed to Akiinomaage (living off the land) and taking direction from our Mother Earth. This Fall students were able to experience wild rice processing. The students really enjoyed dancing on the rice. Some of the other things our students experienced so far this year include fishing, deer processing, and recently hide tanning. Currently we are in the Winter months and our theme is mainly (Aadizookaan) winter stories and the students really like the stories that have been shared so far.

One of the challenges here at Endazhi-Nitaawiging has been space. Fortunately, we have been able to utilize the Humanities building for gym and recess, so we are really looking forward and excited about our new school that is being built. We are also looking forward to the new year and sugar bush, and to being able to learn outside again.

Weweni!
Miskwaanakwad

