CIRCLES
A Culturally Appropriate Preschool Curriculum for American Indian Children

PROGRAM FRAMEWORK

HOME
Parents
Family

COMMUNITY
Culture
Language

SCHOOL
Learning Community
Routines
Materials

Child

APPROACHES TO LEARNING

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TEACHING FRAMEWORK

COMMUNITY AND FAMILY

COMMUNICATION AND CREATIVITY

STRENGTH AND INTROSPECTION

KNOWLEDGE AND WISDOM

Development:
- Physical
- Social-Emotional

Creative Arts
- Language
- and Literacy

Math

Science

Social Studies

Child

K N O W L E D G E  A N D  W I S D O M

C O M M U N I C A T I O N  A N D  C R E A T I V I T Y

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LEARNING FRAMEWORK

Teacher Introduces THE BIG IDEA

CIRCLE TIME

Démonstrate/Model
Watch —
Listen —
Think —

Observe/SUPPORT

“Do”

Prompt/Listen
Observe/Support

“Do” Experiment/Wonder

Reflect/Share

Listen —

Watch —

Think —

Support

Think —

Listen —

Watch —

CULTIVATING REFLECTIVE LEARNING FRAMEWORK

LARGE GROUP

COLLABORATIVE — REFLECTIVE

SMALL GROUP

COLLABORATIVE — REFLECTIVE

WORK TIME

COLLABORATIVE — REFLECTIVE

INDIVIDUAL

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