

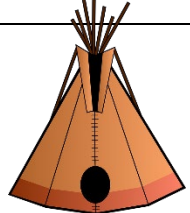



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WEEK	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	
May 17-21	TOTEM POLE		Before our history was put into books, our elders kept all knowledge in their oral stories. These oral stories were our history and our books. With respect, when a totem pole is raised it is like a birth. The pole is named and treated with great respect. Each pole is its own teacher and storyteller like our elders. Totem poles often tell a story how first people live in harmony with the sea, sky and land creatures. <i>(more info on next page)</i>
May 25-28		LONGHOUSE	Longhouse were used for living, sleeping, special ceremonies and food storage. Some longhouse housed as many as 20 families. Today, longhouses are used for very sacred ceremonies.
June 1-4	TEEPEE		A teepee is a traditional lodge dwelling made of animal skins and wooden poles. Modern teepees may use a canvas covering. Now they are mostly used for ceremonial purposes rather than daily living. Teepees can be disassembled and packed away quickly when people need to relocate.
June 7-11	FATHER'S DAY		We celebrate different occasions throughout the school year such as Mother and Father's Day. Due to different circumstances and family structures, we present these activities on an individual basis. We introduce the activity as making gifts for anyone who is important to them. So, the child can decide who they want to make the activity for.
June 15-18		CEDAR HATS	Cedar hats are part of traditional regalia of the West Coast First Nations people. These beautiful hats are made from the bark of the cedar and spruce tree. Many different items can be added to them including trade beads, abalone, feathers and black rooster feathers. The more elaborate the hat, the higher rank you had in your tribe.

Children will engage in open ended activities that promote individuality and freedom of expression. They will learn to create stories through visual art, in addition to exploring a variety of music, movement and dance. We are honoured to explore and learn about the First People's story as we honour their land and traditions.

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TOTEM POLE

What the different animals represent – people of the Northwest Coast



BEAR: Strength, healing, spiritual journey



CROW: Keeper of sacred clan



EAGLE: Teacher, loyalty



FISH: Purifier, ability to hide emotions



HUMMINGBIRD: Messenger, stopper of time

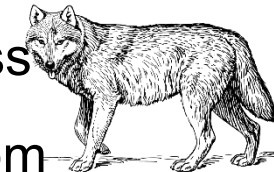


FROG: Bringer of rain, abundance, fertility



RAVEN: Messenger of great mystery, a change of consciousness

COYOTE: The master trickster, laughter, humour, foolishness



OWL: Can see what others can't, essence of true wisdom

BEAVER: Old & wise, builder, creative

