

Rabbit and Bear Paws

Classroom Activities for Puppet Presentations

Lead up and Follow Up

“The following activities are designed for teachers to use with their students before and after the Rabbit and Bear Paws puppet presentations. The purpose of the pre-activities are to....

The purpose of the post-activities are to...”

Teachers can use simple materials already found in the classroom. Teachers may choose to read some of the *Rabbit and Bear Paws* titles before the puppet presentation. The following activities are divided into grade appropriate categories: Preschool-Grade 2, Grades 3-6, and Grades 7-9.

(What is the purpose of the pre-activities (to build background knowledge for students... to introduce students to the characters... etc.)

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Presentation 10: ASTRONOMY: Honouring the Ancestors and Understanding the Stars

Students will learn an Ojibwe legend of how the seasons came to be, learn about an Ojibwe constellation that is tied to that legend, and then create their very own legend.

Materials: scarves, flags, or other similar groups of items you can use to represent two home bases.

Minds On Activity-

Preschool to Grade 2- Play an outdoor survival game with students in two groups, the Winter Animals (Biboon Wesiinyag) and the Summer Animals (Niibin Wesiinyag). Start with one student as a summer animal, and the rest as winter animals. The summer animal must protect the summer by catching the winter animals who are trying to take summer back to their winter world. When a winter animal is tagged, they become a summer animal.

Grade 3 to Grade 6- Play an outdoor survival game with students in two groups, the Winter Animals (Biboon Wesiinyag) and the Summer Animals (Niibin Wesiinyag) and have a base with ‘Summer’ in small bags or items. Winter animals will have to steal summer and take it back to winter world (their base) without the summer animals catching them. Create a halfway mark or safe zone for winter animals to reach.

Grade 7 to Grade 9- Play an outdoor survival game with students in two groups, the Winter Animals (Biboon Wesiinyag) and the Summer Animals (Niibin Wesiinyag) and have a base with 'Summer' in small bags or items. Winter animals will have to steal summer and take it back to winter world (their base) without the summer animals catching them. Create a halfway mark or safe zone for winter animals to reach.

Materials: paper, construction paper, crayons, black paint, white chalk, white and yellow pastel, canvas

Follow-Up Activity-

Preschool to Grade 2- Create a picture of the Anishinaabe Fischer Constellation with stickers, and connect the dots with crayon to form the constellation of the Fischer (look online for visual reference of the Fischer Constellation).

Grade 3 to Grade 6- Create a picture of the Anishinaabe Fischer Constellation by colouring an entire page with your choice of crayon colours, then cover the entire page with black paint. After the paint has dried, etch in the shape of the Fischer Constellation (you can also use white chalk over black paint).

Grade 7 to Grade 9- Create the Anishinaabe Fischer Constellation with white or yellow pastel over a black canvas, and then draw the image of the Fischer over the constellation.