

Numbers of the month: 9
Color of the month: Blue

Letters of the month: AM NV
Shape of the month: Square

Alaskan Insects/Bugs/Birds/Flowers

Traditional Value: Live Carefully

Learning Objectives:

- Understand the concept and importance of respect for nature
- Understand the concept and importance of traditional Native sports
- Identify the letter and sounds of A M N X
- Identify the color blue
- Identify and count up to 9
- Identify the shape square
- Understand the importance of clean water
- Identify and describe the symmetry of insects and flowers

Things you can do at home to support your child's learning:

If you have 5 minutes:

- Play I spy the color of blue
- Talk about the letters A M N V and practice words that begin with these letters

If you have 10 minutes:

- Talk about and find shapes you can find in the home... try to find hexagons

If you have 15 minutes:

- Talk about how we take care of the earth: pollution, picking up trash, recycling, reuse

If you have 20 minutes:

- Talk about different kinds of bugs and where you can find them
- Talk about bug body parts
- Get a magnifying glass and look at bugs and flowers

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- Opportunities to explore and be curious about bugs and plants
- Opportunities to show persistence by caring for plants
- Opportunities to show ability to follow rules and routines with increasing independence

APPROACHES TO LEARNING

- Baby Faces-- SE16
- Picnic-- SE04
- Opportunities to develop personal relationships with peers



TRADITIONAL VALUE: LIVE CAREFULLY

LANGUAGE AND LITERACY

- Teacher choice book:
- *The Bald Eagle*
- Opportunity to be exposed to new words: different parts of plants
- *Blue Berries Grow on a Bush*

- Daily outdoor physical play
- Move like birds and bugs
- Nature walk to explore, talk about what we see and hear
- Opportunities to use our senses to explore dirt

- Opportunities to plant seeds
- Opportunities to compare and contrast different types of seeds
- Opportunities to explore the different ingredients needed for plants to grow
- Counting Books-- M28

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APPROACHES TO LEARNING

- **2nd Steps:**
 1. Learning in Kindergarten
 2. Riding the Kindergarten Bus
 3. Making New Friends in Kindergarten
- Opportunities to work on positive peer to peer relationships

- Teacher choice book:
- *The Bald Eagle*
- Opportunity to make a book or picture that shows traditional use for plants

LANGUAGE AND LITERACY



TRADITIONAL VALUE: LIVE CAREFULLY

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- Exploration of how different birds or bugs move
- Nature walk to explore
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- Opportunities to compare and contrast bugs

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