Description

RCIS is hosting its 4th Annual Lakota Language Camp June 6th–10th, 2017. During this on-site, overnight, 5-day camp, we aim to use the Lakota language as much as possible in hands-on learning activities led by our language teachers, fluent speakers, & community members.

Goals

We aim to:

1. Integrate, promote, and teach Lakota culture & values through language activities.
2. Strengthen family usage of Lakota language.
3. Promote the use of Lakota language & reinforce the LLP curriculum outside the classroom.

Objectives

In Lakota, students will:

1. Use basic greetings and common expressions in all camp activities.
2. Build and expand upon vocabulary and grammar learned in the classroom.
3. Describe their local environment.
4. Use appropriate kinship terms when addressing others.
5. Make statements, give commands, and ask questions using gender specific language.
6. Discuss the importance of the thípi in Lakota culture.
7. Name and describe foods and meal preparation.
8. Describe and discuss the importance of the inípi, rites of passage, and other ceremonies.
9. Execute and participate in handgame competitions.
10. Name and discuss common themes/characters in stories.

Activities

To accomplish and master these objectives, students will participate in activities involving:

1. Inípi
2. Prayer
3. Handgames
4. Construction of a Thípi
5. Local Excursions and Fieldtrips
6. Music and Dance
7. Meal Preparations
8. Arts and Crafts
9. Storytelling and Star Knowledge
10. Rites of Passage and Other Ceremonies