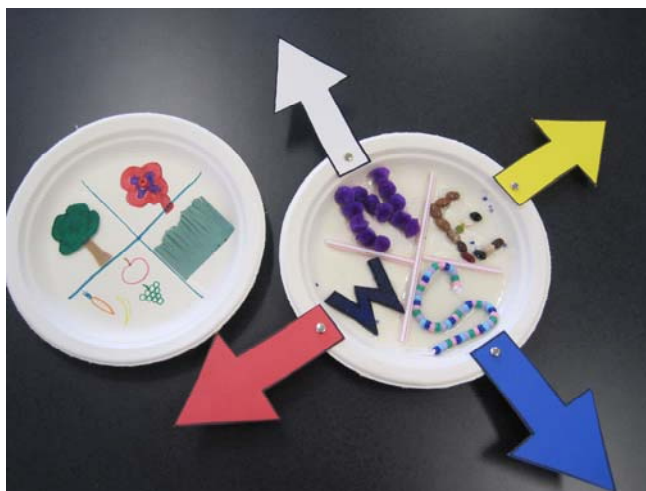


## Make 'n Take



**Name of Make 'n Take:** Circle of Life and the Sacred Number Four - Paper Plate Panorama

**Theme and Topic:** Circle of Life and the Sacred Number 4

**Names of Teachers:** Mrs. Anita Gellner and Mrs. Michella Prokop

**Names of Schools:** St. Mary's and Sacred Heart - Holy Family RCSSD #140

**Grade:** Kindergarten

**Date:** January 18, 2010

### **Materials:**

Book - *Inside my Tipi* by Vera Trembach

Paper plates, magazines, various art and craft materials

### **Procedure:**

1. Read the book "Inside my Tipi" by Vera Trembach. Discuss ideas of family and family relationships, the base of the tipi being a circle, the circle of life itself, etc... If students each hold out a page of the book, the students will see the "Circle" at the base of the tipi
2. Discuss that First Nations people believe that the number four (4) is a sacred number because the Creator created many entities that contain four elements.
  - \* Four directions
  - \* Four seasons
  - \* Four elements (water, earth, air and fire)
  - \* Four entities above earth (sun, moon, stars, sky)

- \* Four plants (grass, vegetables, trees, flowers)
- \* Four kinds of animals (insects, water/sky, two/four legged, humans)
- \* Four stages of life (infant, childhood, adulthood, old age)

3. Working in groups, and using pre-sectioned paper plates, the students will represent each of the four elements /entities in their chosen group.



4. Using a large variety of materials, craft supplies, magazines/catalogues, etc., the students make their representation.