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

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Grade: Kindergarten

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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.

**ex:**
- trees
- grass
- flowers
- vegetables
- adulthood
- infancy
- old age
- childhood

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