Language Learning (include “Did You Know”)

1. Learning Objectives:

Students learn about

- Ojibwe Language-Ojibwemowin
- Waadookodaading-a place where we help each other
- Language Learning in an immersion school
- The importance of language revitalization
- Anishinaabe families have strong traditions and language
- Discover contributions made by Anishinaabe people
- Impact of historical change on language

2. Key Concepts

- What is Ojibwemowin?
- There is a positive aspect to learning the language, that is?
- Elders play what role in the classroom?
- What tools are used to teach the language?
- It important to learn Ojibwemowin for what reason?
- “Indian” names and English names are used, what does that mean?
- What is the impact of Ojibwemowin being spoken by more people? (moral and unity)
- Why the
- What are the question to be asking about learning Ojibwemowin?
- What may happen if native languages are lost?
- There are cultural aspects that will be lost, what are they?
- Ojibwe is an indigenous language of the Algonquin family.

3. Teachers Quick Reference

Places:
Quebec
Minnesota
Wisconsin
Michigan
Montana
La Courtes

Children learn Ojibwemowin using familiar songs
Schools use an immersion program to teach Ojibwemowin
Waadookodaading- a place where we help each other
Immersion school was based on the indigenous language schools in Hawaii
With Ojibwe language speakers aging, the window of opportunity to learn the language was closing and immersions seemed the best option
Elders play an important role in the classroom. The language is the sprouting bed for the culture not just an accessory. Elders teach how to say words and expression. Children use “Indian” name and English name. Language loss is occurring at a fast rate.

4. Content Review
What is the impact on our communities as the language is revitalized?
What may be lost if indigenous languages are lost?
What is the name of the language.
For which people is language revitalization important?
Name three tools used to teach Ojibwemowin.
Why are tribal languages at risk of being lost?
What is lost with the loss of language?

5. Discussion Question
Name three words you heard in this piece, and what they mean.
List reasons that effect the use of Ojibwemowin today.
What is the difference between Ojibwe and Algonquin?
Explain one way in which Ojibwemowin may hold teachings about culture.
Describe the role of elders in teaching the language.
What changes to the method of learning Ojibwemowin today compared to a long time ago? What causes changes?
Do all people from nations across the United States face language loss?

references:
http://ojibwe.lib.umn.edu, Ojibwe People’s Dictionary