



# txw'elšucid syəcəb



## txw'elšucid Learning at the Grandview Early Learning Center

Children at Grandview have been receiving services through our program since the last week of November. Classes for children who are between birth to five years old are from 9:00 and 10:30 am Monday through Thursday. Classes for school aged children are Tuesday and Thursday from 4:15 to 5:15.

Teachings are provided in a structured way that allows the children to experience and learn the txw'elšucid language.

Mondays are for singing, drumming and dancing. Songs and dances are continually created that are for txw'elšucid revitalization. This also allows children to build on their cultural appreciation of songs, dances and drums.

Tuesdays and Wednesdays are for reading txw'elšucid books with the children. This is great for pre-reading development and language learning. Our books are written only in txw'elšucid which places an emphasis on our language. We want children to understand that our language has its own writing and sound system and this teaching style promotes critical thinking skills. The books are also focused around animals. This ties together our oral traditions and language literature. Children are picking up animal names fast and this is great to their success and confidence in learning. Picture groups of animals are integrated without any written language to promote "open language use". This allows us to speak anything about the pictures in txw'elšucid that is spontaneous and open for dialogue and activities. Stuffed animals are integrated in the same manner while adding to the excitement and care of the language. Numbers and counting in our language are incorporated by opportunity through books and songs. Children are at the beginning stages of reading txw'elšucid.

Thursdays are for gathering together in the multi-purpose room for "circle" to sing and dance. We love having this time to interact as a whole GELC group. Circle allows the children to connect with other children and staff outside their classrooms. It is wonderful seeing the five year olds role-model for the one and two year olds. Having this circle at GELC prepares those children who will attend Chief Leschi School in the future and make it an easier transition for them to become part of a larger circle.

Our goal is to establish a strong foundation of the unique sound system and structure of the txw'elšucid language within our children. We watch for the development of sounds in their speaking and cues that demonstrate their understanding. We use txw'elšucid directives in class and when entering and leaving from class. We want to make the txw'elšucid language useable and speakable.

If you have children in the Grandview Early Learning Center you may have noticed them:

- ☒ singing spontaneously or more often
- ☒ take an interest in animals in their environment; in clothing, pictures, stuffed animals, outside, etc...
- ☒ counting different items in txw'elšucid
- ☒ developing different sounds when speaking
- ☒ using txw'elšucid words at home or around the community

If you have an interest in learning the txw'elšucid language to help further engage children, whether its in the home or community, there are several options for you. Although we are heading into our summer program, there will be new classes offered in September. Watch for a new class schedule posted in the August issues. If time is not on your side and you still want to learn txw'elšucid we can make it work for you by sending txw'elšucid learning materials to you through email.

If you are interested in being on our email list please contact us.

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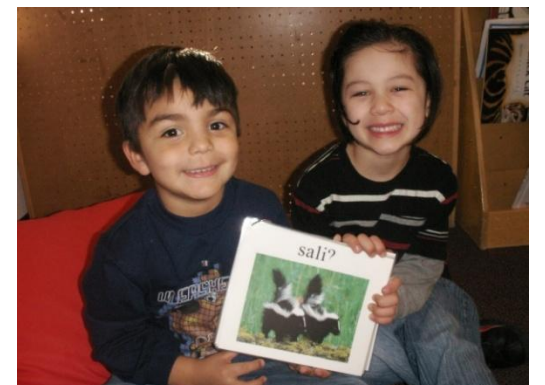
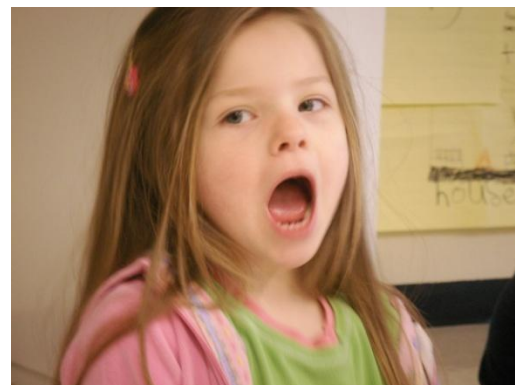
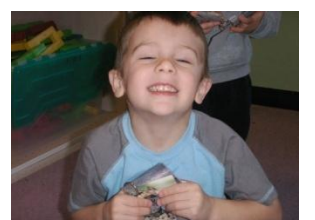
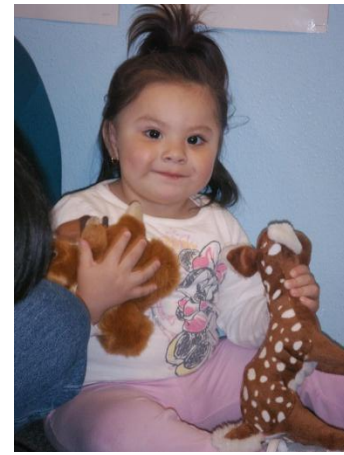
## txw'elšucid gwədʒadad

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Want to learn how to READ txw'elšucid?

Try some of these reading strategies:

- ☒ Patience is the most important thing to have when learning to read txw'elšucid
- ☒ Study the txw'elšucid alphabet sounds. You can download the alphabet at: <http://www.puyallup-tribe.com/index.php?nav=programs&id=50>
- ☒ When trying to read txw'elšucid use the txw'elšucid sound system not the English sound system. There are some similar sounds in English, but there are also some very different sounds
- ☒ Use the txw'elšucid language decoder below to understand how to make some of our unique sounds:

- † barred l; put your tongue to the inside roof of your mouth and blow
- ǰ strong compressed air in mouth; call a horse bringing air to the sides of your cheeks, then reverse the sound and push the air out
- xw fairly soft blow, its like blowing out a candle
- ǰ̃ (x) wedged; rumbling air through your throat; similar sound to clearing your throat
- ǰ̃w round your mouth and blow the ǰ̃ in your throat
- dʒ sounds like the (ds) in cards
- č (c) with a hat; add the (h) to the (c) for (ch)
- š (s) with a hat; add the (h) to the (s) for (sh)
- ə think upside down; it sounds like the English u in up
- i like the English long (a) in ate or long (e) in eat. Listening to the first language speakers will help better understand which sound to speak



## txw'elšucid gwədʒadad dxw'ʔal ti pədhədəb Language classes for Summer

The community, family, elder, youth and canoe family classes will break from June 15<sup>th</sup> – August 31<sup>st</sup>.

All classes will resume starting September 1<sup>st</sup>. Watch for the new schedule in the August issues.

This summer the language program will service:

- ☒ GREAT camps June 23<sup>rd</sup> – July 10<sup>th</sup>
- ☒ Grandview every Thursday circle
- ☒ Grandview summer camp
- ☒ Teacher training classes will resume as scheduled