

LIVING IN HARMONY WITH SELF AND OTHERS

ARAPAHO CULTURAL LESSON

Teach students the values of the Arapaho people.

*"RESPECT YOUR FRIENDS"

Friends offer many things to a person. Friends share their experiences, their music, and their language. It is important to value one's friendship with another. It is also necessary to respect the other persons differences; how they talk; how they dress; and how they act. That is what makes us all unique.

ARAPAHO LANGUAGE LESSON

(taken from Dictionary of Contemporary Arapaho Usage)

Friend: béíteh'éeí; my friend: néíteh'éeí (male speaking); his (her) friend: hinííteh'éeího (obv.); my friend: notó'u (woman speaking): pl. notó'uhó'; my girlfriend: notó'u (woman speaking of a woman); my boyfriend, girlfriend (sweetheart): nebii'ó'o, pl. nebii'ó'oono.

*"RESPECT YOUR FAMILY"

Indian adoptions occur now as it did in the past. If a person admired another for their generosity, bravery or wisdom, a person would adopt them as a grandparent, parent, uncle, aunt, brother or sister. This relationship lasted throughout one's lifetime. Though Indian adoption, each person held the other in high regard and strived to always help out one another in time of need. They didn't talk disrespectful to each other and this included the families of both.

Family: Niiiwoohuut

My family: Neniiiwoohuut

Your family: Heniiiwoohuut

His(her)family: Hiniiiwoohuut

Their family: Hiniiiwoohuutooninoo