

Ontario's First Farmers

Grades 1-4, Available Year Round

OVERVIEW & PURPOSE

This interactive hands-on program will explore community and agriculture in early Ontario with a special focus on the importance of maize, beans and squash, as well as other resources and the environment.

COMPONENTS

1. Maize, Beans, and Squash art and planting activity
2. Harvest/Grade focused scavenger hunt
3. Traditional Games
4. Pottery Making
5. Gr. 1-3 gallery discussion/artifacts
6. Early Settlers in Ontario
7. Village Exploration

SAMPLE SCHEDULE

For a 4 hour - Full Day version:

Time:	Activity:
10:00	Grade-specific gallery discussion (Incorporated in all programs this component will be tailored to the grade as well as the focus of the chosen program and introduces students to Ontario's Indigenous people as well as the plants, animals and other resources available over time.
10:30	Village exploration
11:00	Early Settlers in Ontario - an interactive activity that explores some of the early interactions between Indigenous Peoples and European Settlers with a focus on Indigenous inventions and resources adopted by the Settlers.

11:30	Lunch
12:00	Maize, Beans, and squash art activity explores the relationship between this important crop cultivated by Indigenous Peoples in the Great Lakes Region. Student plant their own bean plants to take home.
12:30	Games: Various Indigenous Games, and a Maize, Beans, and Squash game.
1:00	Pottery Making - Craft
1:30 - 2:00	Harvest/Grade focused scavenger hunt - designed to complement the day's program

(For a 2 hour - Half Day program teachers can choose 4 of the above components. If combining classes, please choose the same components).

CURRICULUM CONNECTIONS

Grade 1: Science - Understanding life systems needs and characteristics of living things

Grade 1: Math - Geometry and spatial sense

Grade 1: Math -Patterning and algebra

Grade 2: Science - Understanding Matter and Energy

Grade 2: Math - Geometry and spatial sense

Grade 2: Math - Patterning and algebra

Grade 2: Social Studies - Heritage and Identity: changing family and community traditions

Grade 2: Social Studies - People and environments: global communities

Grade 3: Science - Understanding Earth and Space systems: soils in the environment

Grade 3: Math - Patterning and algebra

Grade 3: Social Studies - Heritage and Identity: Communities in Canada, 1780-1850

Grade 3: Social Studies - People and Environments: living and working in Ontario

Grade 4: Science - Understanding Earth and Space systems

Grade 4: Social Studies - Heritage and Identity: early societies, 3000 BCE - 1500 CE

Grade 4: Social Studies - Ways of life relationships with the environment

Grade 4: Social Studies - Characteristics of early societies