

# Understanding the past, present and future is key to the success of any child.

Indigenous children face a unique challenge, as who they are and where they come from are stories that often go untold in education.

Our Ojibwe Bilingual Program uses language as a tool for reinstating the past and ensuring students move into the future with a foundational knowledge of the history that made them who they are today.

## *Two languages, one day*

Students enrolled in the Ojibwe Bilingual Program receive instruction in core subject areas in both Ojibwe and English. Lessons are taught in each language approximately half the day.

## *Uniquely Indigenous experiences*

Students participate in:

- Drum teachings
- Turtle teachings
- Gender teachings
- Thirteen Moon teachings
- Traditional song and dance
- Guest speaker presentations, delivered in both Ojibwe and English
- Traditional food preparation and meal sharing

## *The benefits of Ojibwe*

*bilingual education are endless.*

Students come away with a greater appreciation of their language and enjoy freely practicing cultural traditions such as smudging and sharing circles.

They grow and flourish knowing they will be able to teach their children and grandchildren and so on, as long as the sun shines and the grass grows and the rivers flow.

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# Revitalizing a fading language

The goal of our K-4 Ojibwe Bilingual Program is to shape our students into language and knowledge keepers who ensure the stories and words of yesterday and today are shared for generations to come.

Speaking, reading and writing Anishinaabemowin helps students reclaim their roots, take pride in their identities and shed some of the shame history has placed upon their culture.

Classes are taught by Anishinaabe teachers who know and live the culture. Lessons – rooted in numerous traditional teachings – involve many hands-on experiences that help enrich students' cultural and language growth.

## Learning the Past, Unlocking the Future

*Ojibwe Bilingual in  
Seven Oaks School Division*

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