GOAL
The goal of providing lesson plan ideas prior to the pow wow, is to educate preschoolers on the present-day Ojibwa culture, showing and teaching them about regalia and dance, as well as words in the Ojibwe language. By teaching about the Ojibwa culture, the aim is to encourage awareness and appreciation of the rich culture and increase understanding while attending the pow wow and beyond.
What is a Native American Pow Wow?

Pow wows are Native American peoples’ way of meeting together, to join in dancing, singing, visiting, renewing old friendships, and making new friends. This is a time method to renew Native American culture and preserve the rich heritage of American Indians.

Here is a great website for translating English words into Ojibwe words! You can even learn by listening!

**The Ojibwe People’s Dictionary**

[http://ojibwe.lib.umn.edu](http://ojibwe.lib.umn.edu)


**https://youtu.be/T0iKA3dLffE** Young children at the Pow wow

**https://youtu.be/Uf2dAezTQa0** Jingle Dress dancers

**https://youtu.be/mYi981nBzUU** Grand Entry

**Here are a few to start off with:**

Hello- Aaniin or Boozhoo (Phonetic Spelling: Aw-neen or Boo-shoo)

Thanks- Miigwech (Phonetic Spelling: Meeg-witch)

Wild Rice- Manoomin (Phonetic Spelling: Mah-no-min)

Bear- Makwa (Phonetic Spelling: Muck-wah)

Squirrel- Ajidamoo (Phonetic Spelling- Au-jid-a-moo)

Skunk- Zhagaag (Phonetic Spelling- Shi-gahg)

Deer- Ayaabe (Phontic Spelling- Aye-yah-bay)

Dog- Animosh (Phonetitc Spelling- Ani-moosh)

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