

The creators of this publication have chosen a child hanging onto a balloon, to guide us on a journey through a Dene community. What figure can your class use in your illustrations, to guide the reader through your community?

## OPTIONAL STUDIES

1. Find out more about the traditional importance of the pow-wow and the dances.

Resource: Wolfe, A. The Gift of the Grass Dance. In Wolfe, A. <u>Earth Elder Stories</u>. Saskatoon, SK: Fifth House Publishers.

- 2. For more information and statistics of Canadian Native reserves, contact The Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development. Most material is free of charge. See *Optional Resources* for the address.
- 3. Involve students in a research activity. Write a letter to the Saskatchewan Archives Board for information on:
  - reserve histories
  - famous Chiefs

The Saskatchewan Archives charges for the retrieval and photocopying of historical literature/documents. See *Optional Resources* for the address.

## 4. CLASS PENPAL ACTIVITY

Contact the Education Director for a local Tribal Council, asking for names and addresses of teachers, who might be willing to start a penpal program for the year.

- 5. Invite a Native Hoop Dance Troupe to your school to perfo
- 6. Invite a Native storyteller to your class.
- 7. Why not visit a reserve school? Contact the Band Office o to your community.

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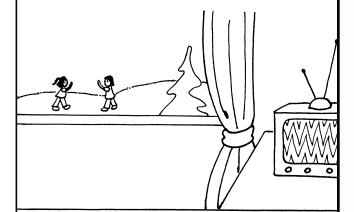
Can you find the list of words in this scram Circle each word in the puzzle as you find it off on the list.

Councillors, Elders, store, community, Chief families, Band Office, clinic

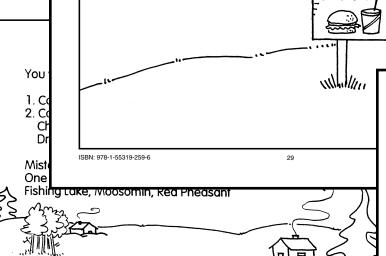
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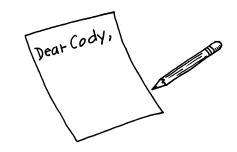
Some reserves only have 2 channels on the children use their imaginations for play. How's imagination? See File Folder # \_\_\_\_\_.



There are no fast food restaurants in a res community. Would you miss fast food if you I reserve? Why or why not?



Write Cody an imaginary letter! Tell Cody about your community and about yourself. Ask Cody at least five questions about his community.



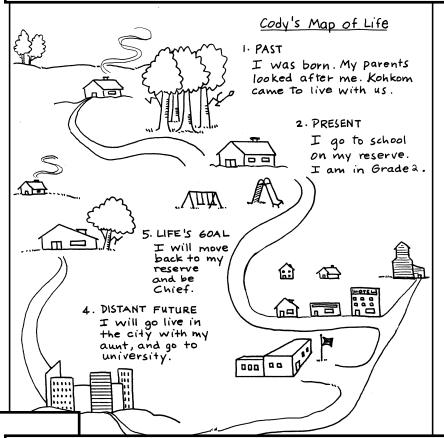
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Oh my gosh! There's no TV! No video games! Just you and ME!

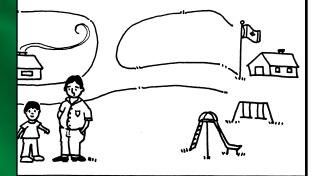
What could you do with a friend besides watch TV or play video games? Use your imagination to think of five things you could do with a friend, indoors or outdoors.

Draw a picture of you and your friend.

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See File Folder # \_\_\_\_ for a map activity. Can you find the locations of different places on Cody's reserve?



he story, <u>Cody's Community,</u> community services are provided on Coc e? Make a list in your Centre Book.

the story, <u>Cody's Community</u>, how is Codunity the same as your own? Copy the sentence entre Book with your answer.

dy and I have many of the same things in unity. We both have .....

Reserve Community of Saskatchewan

## Pow-wows

Most Indian children, living on reserves or in the city have experienced a pow-wow celebration.

A pow-wow is a cultural celebration.

Pow-wows usually begin during the Victoria holiday in May and continue through to Labour Day. People travel from all parts of the country to go to a pow-wow.

Dancers of any age group may dance, dressed in traditional costume. The traditional dress was buckskin decorated with quillwork or beads. Today, more lightweight fabrics are used for the dresses. The women wear shawls. The men wear costumes decorated with beads and feathers. The dancers dance to win trophies and prizes.

Every pow-wow has drummers and singers. They are an important part of the opening and closing ceremonies and the dancing between. The drummers and singers trade off, so they don't get too tired. Pow-wows go on from early in the morning until late at night. Sometimes they last for several days.

Resource:

Bear, G. (1976) The Indian Family. Saskatchewan Indian Cultural College, Curriculum Studies and Research, Federation of Saskatchwan Indians.

