Lesson Sequence

Lesson	Outcomes or Expectations	Assessment	Teaching Activities	Learning Activities
1. Nature Walk	Students will be able to describe what a native plant is and why this is important to know Students will be able to name at least three plants native to our local environment Students will explore a natural environment in a respectful way This lesson is cross-curricular with PHE	This is an introductory lesson relying on formative assessment Listen and observe as students explore and discuss their observations Scavenger hunt reflection questions will be included in science journal for this unit	Prior to class, visit destination to locate and identify examples of native plants (see appendix for resources) Escort children on nature walk; talk about new vocabulary and concepts Point out native plants throughout the trip.	Students will be guided in their exploration and observations with a native plant scavenger hunt (see appendix) Reflection questions will prompt inquiry into native plants Students will collect two plant samples to preserve by pressing
2. Plant Names: Common and Scientific, and Indigenous uses	Students will learn about the classification of plants (common and scientific names) Students will be introduced to native plants common to Southern Vancouver Island	'Ticket Out the Door' (see appendix); students name at least 3 plants native to Southern Vancouver Island, and the way at least one is/was traditionally used by First	Lead class in discussion Lead students in choosing a plant that the class will plant and grow over this unit (come with list of possible choices and let students	Teacher and students will co-create a data sheet (one per student and/or one big one for the class) to record observations and predictions on

	(some of which they will have seen in lesson 1) and their uses by First Peoples This lesson is cross-curricular with mathematics	Peoples; Extension Q: list the scientific name for one or more of the plants	select one from that list)	the class plant (i.e. track growth, soil conditions, weather, date, etc - see appendix) Help the class create a graph to track plant growth
3. Native vs Invasive plants, Biodiversity and Interconnect edness of living things on the south coast of B.C.	Students will learn about the difference between native, non-native, and invasive plant species, with emphasis on invasive species and their effects on ecosystems, and the way native plants respond to their changing environment Students will learn what they can do to help combat invasive species	Observation during "invasive or not" activity and string game (see right) Completed "What Can You Do To Help" worksheet (see appendix)	Lead class through slides, and "invasive or not" activity (students look at slides, give thumbs up/thumbs down do say invasive or not), and string game	Students play a string game where they are a species in an ecosystem and everything is connected with a ball of string. They then see, and discuss, what happens when an invasive species is introduced "What Can You Do To Help" Worksheet
4. Plant Structure	Students will learn about characteristics of plants, and what makes them different from animals	Graphic organizer and reflection in science journal	Set up posters around the room showing plant structures (find a source for these)	In pairs, students will be provided with a cup of water, paper plates, tweezers, scissors,

	Students will follow directions in order to dissect a flower		Using document camera, demonstrate how to dissect a flower (add reference here, youtube maybe) Provide a few different species as options to dissect Put broad leaved plant in a sunny window and have students place small piece of paper on the leaves to see the effect from a lack of sunshine	magnifying glass or hand lens Students will follow instructions for dissecting a plant, making observations in a graphic organizer Dissection instructions: https://www.scientificamerican.com/article/dissect-a-flower/
5. Draw a Native Plant (Scientific Drawing Style)	Students will learn about making observations with a native plant Students will be able to draw an accurate representation of a native plant, with at least 3 labelled structures of the plant, and include: a title, description of size, and their	Students will include their drawings in their science journal and reflect on the dissection Post photos of drawings on Fresh Grade	Escort students to an area with native plants. Show several individuals from various native plant species As students draw, circulate and discuss the	Students will choose and draw a native plant, then label at least three structures and characteristics Students should measure the height of the plant and indicate this

	name and date date This lesson is cross-curricular with Art		plant structures they are observing Take photos to help students who may need more time	by drawing a scale bar
6. Nature Walk with Fractions and Decimals	Students will use fractions and decimals to express the ratios of invasive, non-invasive, and native plants found in a local habitat This lesson is cross-curricular with math and PHE	Collaboration and participation during nature walk Completed handout on fractions and decimals (see appendix)	Use iNaturalist app on a device to help students identify different species they come across Supervise students and answer their questions	Collect data on handouts, represent as fractions, and convert to decimals Share findings with classmates to reach consensus on just how prolific invasive plant species are
7. Establish a Class Herbarium	Students will be able to create at least one sample for the class herbarium Students will be able to label their plant using common, scientific and indigenous names, and describe one indigenous use	Quality and completeness of herbarium sample Post photo of complete work on Fresh Grade	Ensure pressed specimens are dry Demonstrate how to mount and label dried plant material Provide a variety of art and reference materials	Students will mount their sample(s) on paper of their choosing. Students will provide the common, scientific, and indigenous plant names and one indigenous use of the plant

	This lesson is cross-curricular with Art			
8. Talk on Seasonal Changes Ecologically	Students will learn how the changing seasons affect the native plants growing in our region Students will think creatively about how plants adapt to seasonal changes This lesson is cross-curricular with Art	Collaboration and participation in creating and presenting the seasonal scene	Watch time lapse video of seasonal changes http://www.labnol.org/internet/all-seasons-time-lapse-video/12329/ Review what plants need to survive, discuss how seasonal changes affect plants Watch time lapse video of plant growth https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w77zPAtVTul Divide students into 4 groups, write the seasons on slips of paper and have one person from each team draw a slip	Each group will need to create a role playing scene to describe plants in their selected season All students need to participate There is to be no talking during the scenes; students can use music At the end of class, students will
9/10. Make a Seed Package,	Students will use knowledge gained from previous	Quality and creativity of their created	Present students with samples of the	Alone or in pairs, students will design

Wanted Poster, etc for a Plant of Student's Creation	lessons (i.e. on plant structure, ecosystems, invasive vs non-invasive) to create their own plant This lesson is cross-curricular with English Language Arts & Art	plant and final creative product Presentation to class Both of the above will be assessed to prepare students for their final summative assessment in lesson 12/13 (modify rubric in appendix for use in this lesson)	kinds of things they could produce to advertise or present their plants Co-create criteria of what information to include on designs	their own seed package, wanted poster, or other design of their choosing based on their invented plant
11. Interconnectedness of Native Plant Species & Environment al Influences	Students will further connect what they have learned with First People's Principles of Learning Students will identify environmental implications of their actions Students will experience and interpret the local environment and its interconnectednes	Completed 'Know, Wonder, Learn' worksheet (see appendix). Begin before outing, complete during and after plant walk Observe for respectful listening and participation	Have an Indigneous guest speaker come in to take students for a plant walk in Beacon Hill Park. Focus will be on indigenous uses for plants, history, current issues (conservation, etc.), and interconnecte dness Students will have a picnic lunch with tea (see link in	During or after tea time, hold a discussion circle. Ask the question: "How is the world view of most First Peoples like a family relationship?" a. Discuss the feelings, responsibilitie s and obligations most people feel towards other members of their family.

			'Resources' for recipes)	b. Ask students to discuss how the belief that everything in the universe are our relatives would affect the way we treat the environment. Complete 'Know, Wonder, Learn' worksheet
12/13 Research a Native Plant and Create a Monograph	Students will learn about monographs (a detailed written study of a plant) Students will gain experience conducting research and using electronic devices	Depth and quality of research Design and completion of the monograph Presentation to class The product and presentation of this lesson will serve as the main summative piece for this unit (see rubric in appendix)	Support students in their research and monograph designs Co-create criteria to include on monographs (physical description, categorization , habitat, history or folklore, medicinal actions/uses, etc) Provide photographs, taken on previous class	Students research a native plant of their choosing and create their own native plant monograph Students present their monograph and their findings to classmates

			outings, for students to use with their monograph	
14. Design a Native Plant Garden	Students will create a plan for a native plant garden at the school Students will consider environmental conditions, space and size when choosing plants, keeping in mind that plants sense and respond to their environment (i.e. light, water, etc) This lesson is cross-curricular with Math & Art	Collaboration and participation during nature walk Completed garden planning handout	Tell students they will be using what they have learned about in this unit to plan a native plant garden Lead a discussion of the environmental factors that could impact the garden Provide students with field guides and monographs to use as reference Group students according to their ecological communities of interest	Students will choose a variety of plants to fill their garden bed Students will calculate the available area for planting and compare that to the amount of space each plant needs Using the garden planning worksheet, students will draw their garden, indicating species and spacing.
15/16. Plant a Class Native Plant Garden	Time and space permitted, students will get hands on experience co-designing and	Though this lesson is mostly a fun, community building activity to cap	Help students design the garden and supervise them while they plant it	Designing and planting the garden

planting a class native plant garden	off the unit, teacher should assess students on participation, and observe students collaborating and discussing plans		
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