

## SAUK LANGUAGE DEPARTMENT PHILOSOPHY

Indians are born speaking our languages. For some of us, they lie dormant within our bodies. They are looking for a way out. God gave us these beautiful languages. All of us hold them in a sacred manner within. There is no such thing as an Indian person who cannot speak Indian.

Our language programs find these languages within our bodies. They bring them out through our mouths and deliver them to their rightful resting places within our hearts.



**Talk Sauk.**  
**SAUK LANGUAGE  
DEPARTMENT**

### SAC AND FOX NATION EDUCATION DEPARTMENT



#### NOTICE TRIBAL MEMBERS

The Sac and Fox Nation Education Department has placed the guidelines and forms for the following programs on the Nation's website at [www.sacandfoxnation-nsn.gov](http://www.sacandfoxnation-nsn.gov) for your convenience:

Johnson O'Malley  
Higher Education  
Adult Vocational Training  
School Clothing/Supplies Grants  
Education Incentives

Please contact the Education Department at 918-968-0509 if you have any questions about the programs we offer. We are here to assist you with your education needs.

### December 2011 Native American Quotes

"There are not enough words to give to tell you how important language is to our sacred traditions."

Phil Cash, Umatilla

"It is so easy to sit on the couch and play video games or watch TV. Do something positive that can inspire folks. Our elders expect a lot from future generations."

Jeremy Marshall, Cherokee

"When you begin a great work you can't expect to finish it all at once."

Teedyuscung, Delaware

"Our language is what holds us. It is a part of who we are. This is what my father told me."

Dakota Littlecrow, Salish

"You have the values that come with the language. Never trade off for something that is foreign. Your legacy should be good enough."

Rhonda Hopkins, Chippewa

"For many years the government policy was to assimilate native people into mainstream society and essentially stamp out [our culture]. It's a testament to the tenacity of our people that we have any native cultures or religions left in the United States. We are seeing a remarkable cultural renaissance in the tribal communities."

Walter Echohawk

## KĪHTHĀKĪWĀTOWĒPENĀ!

(Let's All Talk Sauk!)

**DECEMBER 2011  
KEHCHEMAKWA  
(Great Bear Moon)**

**JOIN US ONLINE!**

Come join us online at [www.talksauk.com](http://www.talksauk.com) to see what all we have to offer: games, Pictionary, videos, etc. Visit our Facebook page where you can post your comments, and see what the latest classes and activities are ongoing:

**sac and fox language department**



VISIT OUR  
FACEBOOK  
PAGE

Log onto <http://www.youtube.com/user/Nativepolyglot> to see the latest in fun and educational Sauk videos!

#### Stroud Community Classes are now in session!

Every Monday and Thursday evening from 6pm to 8pm, at the Sac and Fox Learning Center (Education Center next to the Gym). Bring your favorite snacks and come join the fun!

Call Mosiah or Katie at 918-968-0070 for more information.

We always welcome suggestions and/or comments from tribal members on programs you have attended, or would like to see scheduled.

Call 918-968-0070 or 800-256-7552,  
or email [language@sacandfoxnation-nsn.gov](mailto:language@sacandfoxnation-nsn.gov)



**Happy Holidays!**



*The Sauk Language Department  
Would Like To Wish Everyone  
**A VERY MERRY  
CHRISTMAS***

### DECEMBER 2011 WORDS of the MONTH FRUITS

Apples	Meshîminaki	Pears	Kêkânôchêhaki
Plums	Pôhkamâwaki	Persimmons	Pyâkiminani
Strawberries	Têhiminani	Blueberries	Ômînani
Oranges	Êthâwâhani	Bananas	Panênêhani
Grapes	Thîwanôni	Cantaloupe	Mîthechêyâhi
Blackberries	Mahkatêwiminani	Raspberries	Kakâwiminani

#### MATCH THE SAUK WORD TO THE ENGLISH WORD

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|-----------------|--------------------|
| 1. raspberries  | a. Panênêhani      |
| 2. grapes       | b. pyâkiminani     |
| 3. apples       | c. mîthechêyâhi    |
| 4. plums        | d. ômînani         |
| 5. strawberries | e. kêkânôchêhaki   |
| 6. pears        | f. meshîminaki     |
| 7. cantaloupe   | g. têhiminani      |
| 8. oranges      | h. thîwanôni       |
| 9. blackberries | i. kakâwiminani    |
| 10. bananas     | j. pôhkamâwaki     |
| 11. persimmons  | k. êthâwâhani      |
| 12. blueberries | l. mahkatêwiminani |

## GREAT GIFT IDEAS FROM THE SAUK LANGUAGE DEPARTMENT



**TALK SAUK  
CAPS  
\$10.00**

**BABY  
ONESIES  
\$5.00**

