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NATIVE AMERICAN Language & Culture

SCHOOL OF CHOCTAW LANGUAGE PHRASES OF CONVERSATION

Cultural statement: Using proper greetings is a way of showing respect. Also, greeting someone and using common everyday expressions demonstrates consideration for the other person. This simple act of courtesy enables the student to “open doors” with Choctaw people by showing an interest in learning about Choctaw people.

Objective: Students will appreciate and understand that the Choctaw language is still usable for regular communication in everyday life, even now in our modern world.

Goal: Students learn how to use Choctaw greetings in everyday life.

Choctaw	Pronunciation	English
Halito	Ha-lih-toh	Hello
Chim achukma?	Chim ah-chok-mah	How are you?
Vm achukma hoke!	Ahm ah-chok-mah ho-ke!	I am fine.
Chi hohchifo yvt nanta?	Chi hoh-chi-fo yaht nahn-ta?	What is your name?
Yakoke	Ya-koh-ke	Thank you
Chi pisa la chike!	Chi pi(n)-sah lah chike!	I will see you later!

Implementation: Have students practice greeting one another with appropriate responses.

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