

Tulalip Lushootseed Family Activity

Picking Pumpkins

Fall Unit

In this unit families will recognize the difference between the seasons and consider fall activities in Tulalip.

Activity Overview:

The goal for this is to learn how to grow and harvest pəpəbkəd (pumpkins). We are going to pick the pumpkins from the garden where you choose to plant them. It will be a fun and memorable moment.

Lushootseed

pəbkəd – Pumpkin

ʔuʔəydx^w – Find

ʔuʔəydx^w – Found

k^wid – How Many

k^wədad – Pick up

ʔuləḥəd – Gather from nature

hik^w – Big

miʔmaḥ – Little

ʔəsgəqəb – It's sunny

ʔuqəlb – It's raining

ʔəsqaḥ'əb – It's cloudy

ḥ'aḥ – Cold

ʔəsčal tiʔəʔ sləḥil.

What is the weather today?

ʔal tiʔəʔ sləḥil _____.

Today it is _____.

ʔuʔuləḥəd čəx^w

You will gather

stəb k^wi adsʔuləḥəd.

What did you harvest?

ʔuləḥəd čəx^w ti pəbkəd

You harvested a pumpkin!

k^wid k^wi pəpəbkəd

How many pumpkins are there?

hik^w ʔu ʔəbil' miʔmaḥ ʔu.

Is it big or is it small?

da'y haʔʔ ʔuʔuləḥəd.

Very good harvesting.

Activity Instructions



If you are planning on growing your own pəpəbkəd (pumpkins) at home in the back yard. Here is what needs to be done for at home growing:

1. Choose high-quality pəbkəd (pumpkin) seeds from reputable suppliers or save seeds from mature pəpəbkəd (pumpkins).
2. Enrich the soil with rich garden amendments, compost, aged manure or humus before planting, to improve drainage and provide adequate nutrients.
3. Start pəbkəd (pumpkin) seeds indoors about 2 to 4 weeks before the last expected frost date in your area, or plant them directly where you want them to grow when the soil is warm enough.
4. Bury the seeds 1 inch deep in damp potting soil and keep the soil moist until they germinate.
5. Transplant the seedlings outdoors when they have 3-4 leaves and all risk of frost has passed.
6. Water regularly, add mulch, prune the vines, and rotate the pəpəbkəd (pumpkins) as they grow.

If you plan on going to a pumpkin farm, here is what you'll need:

- Be sure to have some rain boots, or wear some shoes that you don't mind getting dirty.
- You'll need to dress warm (or dress family alike for picture opportunities), depends on the weather it may be ʔuqəlb (raining), ʔəsqaʔəb (cloudy), ʔ'aʔ (cold) or it can just be a nice ʔəsgəqəb (sunny) day.
- Bring a snack or lunch with you, or take advantage of locations that offer food and drinks.
- Be prepared to walk the whole time you are at the pumpkin farm.