

# Dogs and Dog Sledding

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Yellowknife Catholic Schools—Edaèk'ò 2020.



Class Facts:

Teacher: Mrs. Matheson

# of Students: 18

## Early Spring in Denedeh

March and April are the months when Early Spring comes. Daylight lasts longer, the March winds blow, and the days are less cold. It is a good time to travel on the land with dog teams. Traditionally, the dog was the Dene's best friend, companion and protector. Dog teams were used for

transportation, to haul wood and water, visit trap lines, visit

fishnets and haul home the fish. Dogs were extremely smart and could remember trails even after one trip.

They protected camp and kept the trappers safe.

Many communities in the north now host Dog Derbies or have dog races as part of their celebrations and carnivals to celebrate the end of winter and the arrival

of spring.



## WOLF PACK!

(Participating in Aboriginal Cultural Knowledge)

Briar Rintoul was chosen by the leaders of our Dog and Dog Sledding Camp to be a member of our Wolf PACK. Briar demonstrated respectful listening at all times and was helpful in wearing the 360 camera to record the Dog Sled ride. Briar followed the Dene Law: Help each other.

# At Dog and Dog Sledding Camp



We began our day with a prayer to thank Creator for the beautiful day and to keep us safe in our travels and at camp.

We shared a snack of Hot Chocolate and yummy bannock made by our Elder and resource person, Ms. Irene.

We learned about the traditional uses of dogs and what to pack when travelling on the land.

We practiced naming the things we would need on the land in Wiliideh Yati.



We went to see the doghouses and the puppies. We learned how to take care of dogs and how to respect a working dog.

We went for a dog sled ride to experience what a ride in a dog sleigh feels like.

At the end of our morning, we learned how to respect a fire, and how a fire warms us and cooks our food. We made marshmallows to practice our fire safety and have a treat!



## Our Wiliideh Words:

Edaèk'ò      Early Spring

Tłj mbehchj      Dogsled

Tłj      Dog

Tłts'ò      Dog Blanket

Kò      Fire

Mahsi Cho      Thank you



















