

Orange Shirt Day 2022

The Anglican Foundation's Say Yes! To Kids initiative brought us some funding for a series of one-day vacation bible school type events on the days when the elementary students are not in class due to professional development days, teacher conference, etc. This year, the Regina Public School Board declared September 30th as a day off from school, but of course provincially it was not a holiday. We decided to do our first School Days Off program on September 30th and put together something that would focus on indigenous culture.

The program was a hit! We quickly filled all our available spots and had a waiting list of about 8 children. Our day started off with the Phyllis story, and Rev. Diane Guilford talked with the kids for another 15 minutes or so, getting them to think about what it would have been like.



Our activities included hoop dancing, and active games like screaming eagle. Crafts included an orange shirt pin (glitter everywhere!), making play dough as a base for mandalas, and painting rocks in memory of the children who didn't make it home.

We also did some cooking, making three sisters' soup with squash and potatoes from our children's garden, as well as Bannock. The children also tried spruce tea... which many of them actually liked –

once they added a significant amount of sugar!

We ended the day with story time – we got many books from the library and volunteers from the congregation read aloud. It was a great way to wind down after a busy day.

We had great support from our congregation, with people signing up to help with all the various activities. There were rocks left over, so on Sunday some parishioners painted rocks at coffee time after worship. The rocks are now displayed on our front lawn.



Every Child Matters

Remembering
those who didn't
come home

