

**Enemy Swim Day School
Dakota Culture Class
Vocabulary List**

Directions for parents: Here is a list of words your child will be working on in Dakota Culture class. Practice the words with your child and give them praise for trying, and when things aren't said exactly correctly, please gently correct them if you know the correct pronunciation.

Unit: Mother Earth & Directions

Cultural Understanding:

For Kindergarten – 2nd Grade

Makana (earth), uŋci maka (mother earth), mni (water), caŋ (wood), ħe (mountain), paha (hill), bde (lake), wakpa (river), wato (grass), waziyata (north), wiyohiyaŋpa (east), itokaġa (south), wiyohpeya (west), kaksiza (hollow)

For 3rd – 5th Grade (Should also know words from K-2nd grade)

Tiŋta (prairie), ošmaka (makosmaka-valley), caŋtaŋka (forest), mniħaħa (small waterfall), mniwaŋca (ocean), mnitaŋ (flood), mni oškokpa (puddle), wakpana (creek), wita (island), caŋħdeška, iyakapta (coulee), maġa (field), wiwi(slough/spring)

For 6th – 8th Grade (Should also know words from K-2nd and 3rd – 5th)

waziyatakiya (towards the north), catkaka (towards left)wakaŋtkiya (upward), tokatakiya (forward-future), ħeyatakiya (backwards), hektakiya (time in past), makoce wowapi (map), makamibe (globe)