Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, all Seneca Nation of Indians non-essential services, including all Seneca Language department in house services are suspended until further notice. Once it becomes feasible to reopen, we will do so in a manner that is both safe and following all current health guidelines.

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact 716-532-4900.

**Gawë:nö’ Lesson: Oshaisda’ - Snake**

**In Onöndowa’ga’**
1. Gashaisdowanëh 5. Milk Snake, muscle on it
2. Shaya’ de:s 6. Rattlesnake, fork attached
6. Ohsigwëön 10. It’s making a nest
7. Tgödahë’ 11. It’s nesting
11. Odehsë’ 15. It smells bad
12. Waja’di:ne’ 16. It’s coiled up
13. Osdowë’syoda’döh 17. Tgödahë’
14. O’höhsa’shö’öh 18. Ögegai’
15. Gasënö:etgë’

**In Ganyo’ö:ka’**
1. Big Snake (mythical creature) 5. Milk Snake, muscle on it
2. Blacksnake, the long-bodied one 6. Rattlesnake, fork attached
4. Green Snake, the grass kind

**Online Seneca Language Resources can be found at:**
- [Www.SenecaLanguage.com](http://Www.SenecaLanguage.com)
- Skype classes, to join message JanosJanineBowen, Wednesdays @ 10 - 11:30am
- Search for “Seneca Language” on YouTube

**Dates to remember:**
- 4th - Food box give-away, 10am @ Tribal Advocate
- 4th - Plant Giveaway, 11am @ CCC
- 20th - Summer Solstice
- 21st - Father’s Day

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**Daswöndio:go’**
Once there was a large village where people lived happily and had plenty of meat. At the end of the village lived a man whom few people noticed. One night that man had a dream.

His dream said, "Something is going to happen to the people of this village. You must tell them to move away within ten days." The next morning the man went to the center of the village, gathered the people and told of his dream. Some believed in the dream others did not. Five days later those who had believed joined those who had not, and paid no heed to the dream. The fifth night the man dreamed again and his dream said, "We know that the people do not heed your warning. But save yourself. Three days from now take all your arrows and climb the hill on the east side of the village till you come to a large rock. The rock is hollow. Go inside of it and you will find a hole in the ground. Look through the hole and you will see all that is going on in the village. The people will be destroyed by Big Head. Five days from now, at midday, there will be a terrible outcry. When the cry dies away, you must begin to shoot through the hole, for as soon as the people are destroyed the monster will track you. You will save your life if you shoot all your arrows at it before it reaches the hole. When the monster is dead, take from its back of its head a piece of skin together with the hair, which is very long. The skin will be of use to you, for it has great power. Wind the hair around your body next to your skin and declare that there is nothing that you can not do. At night, when it is dark enough not to be seen, go North a short distance and you will find a tree turned up by the roots. You must not be frightened. I shall give you something which will be of great use to you."

After this dream the man was gloomy and unhappy. When the time came, he took his bundle of arrows and left the village. He didn't take his wife or children for they did not believe in the dream. Just at sunset he came to a large rock on the side of the hill. He found the opening and going into it crept along till he thought he was at the center of the rock. There he found a space high enough for him to stand in. He lay down and slept. The next morning a deer was standing near the opening. He killed it, roasted some of the meat and ate it.

The fifth day, as the man sat on the rock, he heard a great noise coming from the South. As the sound approached the village he saw something that looked like smoke, saw that trees were falling, and falling toward the village. When the noise reached the village, the man took his position opposite the opening in the ground. It seemed to him that the village was right at hand. He heard the screaming of the people and saw the cabins torn to pieces and hurled into the air.

Big Head missed one man, and when all the others were destroyed he laughed, and said, "This world is not large enough for him to hide in."

When the man saw that trees were falling toward the East, he knew that Big Head had found his trail, and he strung his bow and began to shoot through the hole as rapidly as possible. When only two arrows were left, he saw a great black Head not far away. He shot his last arrow; the roar ceased, the Head fell and he heard it say, "You have killed me!"

The man went to where the Head lay and found in it every arrow he had shot. "I must do as my dream said," thought he, so he took a part of the scalp, tied it around his body and said, "You must always help me. You must not let me be overpowered by anyone."

He climbed to the top of the hill quickly, for now he could go very fast. He found a good place and built a brush hut. "I must have plenty of meat," thought he, and going out he saw deer, bears and all kinds of game. He killed what he wanted. To skin the deer and bears he had merely to take hold of the skin of the head and pull; with no effort the skin came from the whole carcass. He made a brush shed and hung the meat up to dry.

When it began to grow dark, the man started toward the North, as his dream had told him to do. He had not gone far when he came to a fallen tree, the roots turned out of the ground. When half way around the tree, he saw Meteor with his great mouth open.

When Meteor saw that the man wasn't frightened he laughed and said, "Take one of my teeth, it will be of great use to you. It will enable you to change yourself into any form you like."

The man took a double tooth, the one farthest back in Meteor's jaw.

Then Meteor said, "You will live always and you will have great power, but you and I must always counsel with each other. Now we will part."

Meteor flew off through the air and the man went back to his hut. He made up his mind that the hut would be his home. He stayed there a long time then getting lonesome, he said to himself, "I will go and see if I can find people anywhere."

He turned into a hawk and flew toward the southwest. As he rose high in the air he looked down on the ground. After a while he saw, in the West, something that made him think people were living there. Then he began to come down. He came lower and lower and when near the ground saw a village. He said to himself, "I will go and see if I can find people anywhere."

He turned into a great bear and, beginning at the first house, ate up every person he could find. When he thought he had eaten everybody, he saw, off at the edge of the village, a little hut with smoke rising from it. In the hut he found a man and woman and several children. He ate them all.

"I have finished," said he, and changed himself to a man.

He stood around a while, then, seeing a trail he followed it, but had not gone far when he met a woman who was very beautiful.
One:kwa - Bloodroot, Onëhdowanëhs - Burdock, Osgwai’dá’ - Colt’s Foot, Ga:nöwös - Cowslip, Gajihsö’dö:ta’ - Dandelion
Ingredients:
2 cups all-purpose flour
1 tablespoon baking powder
3 tablespoons granulated sugar
1/2 teaspoon salt
6 tablespoons chilled unsalted butter, cut into 1/4-inch cubes
12 small strawberries, hulled and diced
3/4 cup half and half

For the glaze
3 cups powdered sugar
1/4 cup half and half
1/2 teaspoon vanilla

Directions:
1. Preheat oven to 425° F. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper.
2. In a large mixing bowl, combine flour, baking powder, sugar, and salt. Add butter and cut in with a pastry blender (or your hands) until mixture resembles crumbs. Toss in strawberries and coat lightly with the flour mixture.
3. Add half and half and fold together gently until the mixture just begins to come together and forms a soft dough. (Do not knead or over mix the dough.)
4. Turn dough out onto a floured surface and pat into a 1-inch thick rectangle or circle. (If dough is very sticky, sprinkle with just a hint of flour.)
5. Using a sharp knife, cut into triangles. (If you shaped your dough into a rectangle, you’ll get 12. If you shaped the dough into a circle, you’ll get 8. Watch the video for guidance!)
6. Place scones on prepared baking sheet and bake 16-18 minutes or until cooked through and golden.
7. Place a sheet of parchment on a work surface, then place a cooling rack over top of parchment. Remove scones from pan to cooling rack. Cool about 10 minutes.
8. In the meantime, make glaze by whisking together powdered sugar, vanilla, and half and half until smooth. (If glaze is too thick, add a bit more cream. If it’s too thin, add more powdered sugar.)
9. Gently dunk the tops of the scones in the glaze or drizzle over the top. (Glaze will firm up when scones are completely cool.) Eat and enjoy!

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D.I.Y. gift for Ya’nih*
You will need: cardstock, markers, 8 x 8” shadowbox, superhero minifigure set, scissors, hot glue gun & glue sticks
Directions: 1) Cut your cut stock to the 8 x 8” shadowbox insert.
2) Space out evenly the captions for each superhero below: DAD you are...
As mighty as THOR
As brave as CAPTAIN AMERICA
As funny as SPIDERMAN
As Fierce as BATMAN
As kind as SUPERMAN
As tough as WOLVERINE
As smart as IRON MAN
As strong as HULK
3) Plug in the hot glue gun, when ready glue each superhero above the correct caption & hold for 30 sec. Dry completely!
4) Insert the cardstock into the frame and re-assemble the shadowbox.

*Your father, Free printable superhero sheet can be printed from: https://www.downredbuddrive.com/diy-fathers-day-superhero-shadowbox/