Echos of Time

AIM: To appreciate the importance of the sun and its effect on the earth.

Imagine that you are the Sun during a specific season. If you were the Sun, what would you see, hear, feel, smell, touch or think about? Can you finish this poem? Use a separate sheet of paper.

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Reaching For the Sky

The Sun and the seasonal changes have always been very important to Indian people dating back to the time of the great civilizations of the Aztecs, the Mayans and the Incas.

The Aztec Sun Calendar Wheel translated the movements of the sun, moon and venus into mathematical cycles.

North American Indians based their monthly "calendars" on the changes in the moon. Each new moon was described by what was happening during that time of year, (green corn moon, root gathering moon, big snow moon etc.)

Naming the Months

- In your Four Winds family groups decide on your own names for each of the twelve months of the year. Fit the month names to what you see happening during that time of year.

- Compare your month names with those of the other Four Winds groups.

- In the Council Lodge vote on the twelve best month names and have each group construct and illustrate a calendar for three of the chosen months.