

A Rich Beginning with Literacy



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Education embraces a relationship between culture, art, language, learning and the image of the child. Over the years, discussions on education with Indigenous leaders have pointed to several key issues that contain a main theme: "language and culture are critically important for the successful development, education and wellbeing of First Nations students" (Government of Canada, 2018).

Connecting all children with a natural environment that embraces the "hundred languages of a child", is engaging, experiential and rich. Within this environment literacy opportunities are natural components. Children read their surroundings, successfully progress through stages of transcribing their thoughts orally, in print and with a multitude of mediums. The teacher provides a space and materials that are conducive to developing and stretching the child's innate desire to tell stories and communicate with others.

Presenters

Judy Hillier

Judy Hillier, ECS Dip., B.Ed., M.Ed, has worked in the field of early childhood education for over three decades in a variety of positions from Early Childhood Educator, Teacher, School District Early Learning Director and post-secondary Instructor. At this point in her career, she is elated to be able to focus on areas of education and life that she is passionate about; literacy, early learning and Indigenous communities. Identifying with her Metis heritage, she strives to be a champion and advocate for all children ensuring that adults provide compassionate, responsive environments which will impact the future for all of us.

