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Foreword

This list of learning resources identifies high-quality core professional resources that have been recommended by the Ministry of Education to complement *Children First: A Resource for Kindergarten* and the Kindergarten curricula for the various areas of study. Many of the resources have also been recommended to support Prekindergarten programs and other early childhood education settings. In such cases, this recommendation is indicated on the grade graphic at the top of each page and/or in the annotation. This list will be updated as new resources are recommended. Additional resources are listed on the Ministry of Education website.

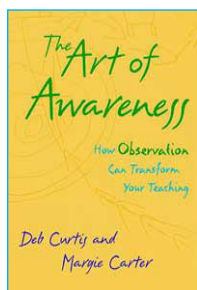
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Other resources beyond those recommended in this list and the list of additional resources may complement *Children First: A Resource for Kindergarten* and the Kindergarten curricula for the various areas of study. It remains the responsibility of teachers to preview and select materials that best meet the needs of their classroom, school, or community. These resources should be chosen in accordance with the school division's learning resources selection policy.

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Print, Audio-visual, and Other Resources



The Art of Awareness: How Observation Can Transform Your Teaching

Authors: Curtis, Deb and Carter, Margie

Annotation

(CORE) This inspiring and practical book offers nine observation study sessions that were originally designed as a college course. These sessions provide ideas, activities, and experiences that help early childhood educators to become aware of children in an in-depth and systematic way that will help them to better plan for children's learning experiences. *The Art of Awareness* includes a table of contents, lists of related professional resources, and an index.

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Suggested Use: Professional Resource

Publisher

Redleaf Press

Distributor

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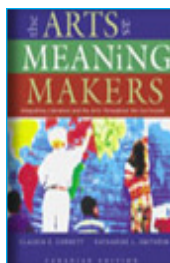
Pagination: 173 p.

ISBN: 978-0-13-172795-3

Copyright: 2006

Year Recommended: 2008

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The Arts as Meaning Makers: Integrating Literature and the Arts Throughout the Curriculum. Canadian ed.

Authors: Cornett, Claudia and Smithrim, Katharine

Annotation

(CORE, CAN) This professional resource offers practical strategies and conceptual bases for teaching about the arts through literature. The text begins by providing historical and theoretical background supporting the benefits of arts education. The book focuses on integration of literature and the arts in all subject areas. Special features include “quotes of the day” from artists and teachers, classroom vignettes, photographs, literature suggestions, take-action notes, post-it pages, and lists of additional teacher resources.

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Suggested Use: Professional Resource

Publisher

Prentice Hall Inc.

Distributor

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Website: www.pearsoned.ca

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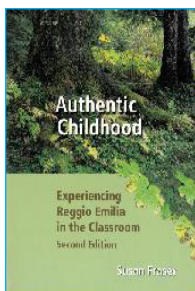
Pagination: 454 p.

ISBN: 978-0-13-087380-4

Copyright: 2001

Year Recommended: 2003

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Authentic Childhood: Experiencing Reggio Emilia in the Classroom

Author: Fraser, Susan

Annotation

(CORE, CAN) This valuable book focuses on the theory and practice surrounding the Reggio Emilia approach to early childhood education. Reggio Emilia is a child-centred approach where children's curiosity about the environment inspires learning. The book includes descriptions of how two Canadian educators changed their classroom environment and instructional strategies after adopting the Reggio Emilia approach. It also addresses the role of the teacher in working with children from diverse cultural backgrounds. For example, the author travelled to the Early Learning Centre in Regina to visit teachers who work mostly with First Nations students and learned how the Reggio Emilia approach has changed their practices. *Authentic Childhood* includes a table of contents, five appendices (e.g., "Children Teaching Teachers", "Planning Classroom Environments"), and an index.

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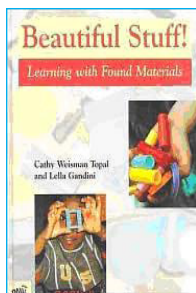
Pagination: 312 p.

ISBN: 978-0-17-625139-0

Copyright: 2006

Year Recommended: 2008

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Beautiful Stuff! Learning with Found Materials

Authors: Topal, Cathy Weisman and Gandini, Lella

Annotation

(CORE) This resource was designed for the purpose of helping teachers and parents to foster meaningful experiences between children and materials. Enhanced with plentiful colour photographs, the practice and the theory behind the practice were inspired by teachers from Reggio Emilia, Italy and by the exhibition, "The Hundred Languages of Children". The setting includes two American Kindergarten classrooms and one Prekindergarten classroom, where the focus is on the process rather than the product. The book is rich with ideas and suggestions based on real-life experiences in schools. Included are a table of contents and a list of suggested related readings.

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Website: www.fitzhenry.ca

Price: \$34.95 hdc.

Pagination: 107 p.

ISBN: 978-0-87192-388-2

Copyright: 1999

Year Recommended: 2008

Children Moving: A Reflective Approach to Teaching Physical Education. 7th ed.

Authors: Graham, George M., Holt/Hale, Shirley Ann, and Parker, Melissa

Annotation

(CORE) This comprehensive resource is divided into six parts. Part One provides an overview of physical education and the skill themes approach. A chapter is devoted to teaching children with special needs. Part Two focuses on the pedagogy of the skill themes approach. Part Three explains the concepts of space, effort, and relationships. It also presents ideas and activities for teaching these concepts to children of various ages. Part Four is devoted to skill development areas such as travelling, balancing, kicking, punting, throwing, and catching. Part Five addresses skill themes in dance, gymnastics, and games. Part Six focuses on the future. Icons highlighting assessment, cognitive understanding, and safety are included. This excellent professional resource offers black-and-white photographs, charts, diagrams, and drawings. Included are a table of contents, an appendix that presents sample yearly overviews, and an index.

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Website: www.mcgrawhill.ca

Price: \$159.14 hdc.

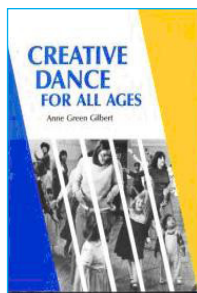
Pagination: 685 p.

ISBN: 978-0-07-325221-6

Copyright: 2007

Year Recommended: 2008

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Creative Dance for All Ages: A Conceptual Approach

Author: Gilbert, Anne Green

Annotation

(CORE) Anne Green Gilbert offers theory and methods for planning a creative dance class for students of various ages; however, she lightheartedly warns teachers that it may be hazardous to students' health to select activities randomly from the methods section before reflecting upon the theory section. Divided into four parts: "Space", "Time", "Force", and "Body", the methods section provides many suggestions to help make lesson planning and teaching successful. The appendices include assessment tools, information on teaching academic curriculum through the kinaesthetic intelligence, music lists, ideas for props, a bibliography, and suggestions for integrating dance with visual art, drama, and music. The book is enhanced with black-and-white photographs and includes a table of contents.

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American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance
PO Box 385, Dept. C08
OXON HILL MD 20750-0385
(301) 839-9808
Fax: (301) 567-9553
E-mail: aahperd@custsvc.net
Website: www.aahperd.org

Price: \$30.00 U.S. pbk.

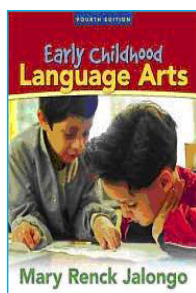
Pagination: 386 p.

ISBN: 978-0-88314-532-6

Copyright: 1992

Year Recommended: 2004

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Early Childhood Language Arts. 4th ed.

Author/Illustrator: Jalongo, Mary Renck

Annotation

(CORE) This resource for early childhood educators offers a comprehensive look at early childhood literacy education integrating four strands of the language arts – listening, speaking, reading, and writing. In response to the call for evidence-based reading instruction, the book provides 36 research-based teaching strategies, and every chapter incorporates information on brain research, bilingual education, technology, and the media's influences on young children. The text offers a synthesis of the information on language arts gleaned from research on emergent literacy, early childhood education, and special education. It also responds to the increasingly diverse needs of young language learners in inclusive settings, working with parents and families, and collaborating with professionals in other fields. Each chapter contains a section on standards, teacher concerns and basic strategies, developmentally appropriate activities, and a teacher self-assessment. Included are a table of contents, a bibliography, and an index.

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Allyn & Bacon Canada

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Price: \$77.96 pbk.

Pagination: 382 p.

ISBN: 978-0-205-49046-2

Copyright: 2007

Year Recommended: 2008

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Emergent Curriculum in the Primary Classroom: Interpreting the Reggio Approach in Schools

Author: Wien, Carol Anne

Annotation

(CORE, CAN) This book presents nine inspirational stories of the individual experiences that Canadian educators from diverse early childhood settings have had with emergent curriculum and inquiry, as well as their adherence to the Reggio Emilia approach. The author describes emergent curriculum as follows: "In emergent curriculum, teachers plan in response to the groups' interests and concerns, and curriculum expands into genuine inquiry, as children and teachers together become participatory colearners who attempt to understand some aspect of real life". *Emergent Curriculum in the Primary Classroom* provides both soundly developed theory and practical examples. Included are a table of contents and an index.

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Publisher

Teachers College Press

Distributor

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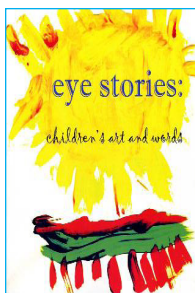
Price: \$27.00 U.S. hdc.

Pagination: 176 p.

ISBN: 978-0-8077-4887-9

Copyright: 2008

Year Recommended: 2008



Eye-Stories: Children's Art and Words

Authors: MacDonald-Carlson, Brandoli, Helen and Brandoli, Alan

Annotation

(CORE, CAN) In 2004-2005, the faculty and students from the Early Childhood Education Program at Thompson Rivers University worked with teachers and three- to five-year-old students from the Caribou Child Centre to observe, document, collect, and preserve the students' art work. This book was published to accompany an exhibition, *Eye-Stories: Children's Art and Words*, in which the children's art work and statements made during the creative process were displayed. This documentation of 32 samples of the children's visual and verbal representations will help teachers to better understand the connection between language and artistic expression in young children. It offers insight into the potential of very young artists to express complex ideas in a concrete way.

This resource is available on the website: www.tru.ca/__shared/assets/eye_stories-children_s_art_and_words12928.pdf.

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Centre for the Study of Multiple Literacies
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Fax: (250) 828-5086
Website: www.tru.ca

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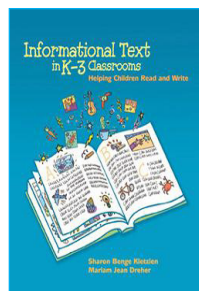
Pagination: 40 p.

ISBN: 0-9739407-0-0

Copyright: 2005

Year Recommended: 2006

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Informational Text in K-3 Classrooms: Helping Children Read and Write

Authors: Kletzien, Sharon Benge and Dreher, Mariam Jean

Annotation

(CORE) This professional resource advocates literacy instruction using a mix of non-fiction and fiction text. It provides before, during, and after teaching strategies for using informational text with young students within meaningful contexts. Attention is given to comprehension strategies. Guidance for teachers addresses how to choose informational text for the classroom and library, as well as how to feature this genre in read-alouds. Included are a table of contents, lists of resources, forms and checklists for teachers, and an index.

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Suggested Use: Professional Resource

Publisher

International Reading Association

Distributor

Ontario Library Association
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TORONTO ON M5E 1C8
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Website: www.accessola.com

Price: \$25.14 pbk.

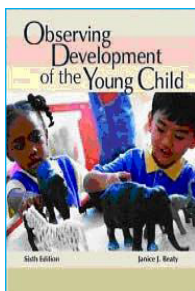
Pagination: 160 p.

ISBN: 978-0-87207-537-5

Copyright: 2004

Year Recommended: 2005

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Observing Development of the Young Child. 6th ed.

Author: Beaty, Janice J.

Annotation

(CORE) Designed as a university text, this sixth edition presents a system for observing and recording the development of children in early childhood settings. It focuses on observation of children's social, emotional, motor, cognitive, language, and creative development. A comprehensive checklist for recording observations and information on sharing data with parents/caregivers is provided. Each of the 14 chapters offers suggested readings for teachers, children's learning resources, and activities. The book includes a table of contents, an index of the children's books recommended in the text, and a general index.

Note: The children's books recommended in this resource have not all been evaluated by the Saskatchewan Ministry of Education.

A companion website is available at www.prenhall.com/beaty.

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Prentice Hall, Inc.

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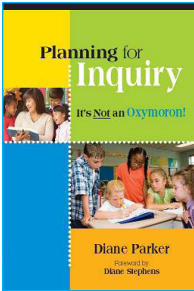
Pagination: 471 p.

ISBN: 978-0-13-170013-0

Copyright: 2005

Year Recommended: 2006

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Planning for Inquiry: It's Not an Oxymoron!

Author: Parker, Diane

Annotation

(CORE) This informative book guides educators in facilitating inquiry-based learning. The author invites readers into her classroom to reflect with her as she offers an up-close view of the underlying structure of an inquiry-based approach, how it appears in real-life practice, and how educators may implement this approach in their classrooms. Enhanced with diagrams, black-and-white photographs, and anecdotes, this is a user friendly resource. Included are a table of contents, an index, and appendices that offer assessment tools, sample planning forms, sample advocacy efforts, and more.

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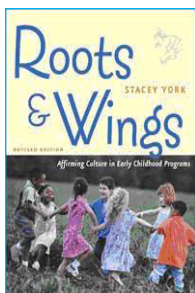
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Copyright: 2007

Year Recommended: 2008

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Roots & Wings: Affirming Culture in Early Childhood Programs. Rev. ed.

Author: York, Stacey

Annotation

(CORE) This revised edition of *Roots & Wings* offers a practical introduction to support early childhood educators in dealing with the many-faceted and complex issues of cultural diversity and racial prejudice in early childhood settings. It provides numerous activities, examples, and suggestions for affirming culture in young children. Included are a table of contents, a glossary, and an index.

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Website: www.monarchbooks.ca

Price: \$35.95 pbk.

Pagination: 272 p.

ISBN: 978-1-929610-32-7

Copyright: 2003

Year Recommended: 2004

Serious Players in the Primary Classroom: Empowering Children Through Active Learning Experiences. 2nd ed.

Author: Wassermann, Selma

Annotation

(CORE, CAN) This revised edition builds on Wassermann's original work while offering deeper insight into the integrated classroom model of play-debrief-play. The author continues to focus on developing a can-do attitude in students and has added a new chapter on moral dilemmas. Built on a sound theoretical basis that recognizes the importance of play, this professional resource offers 29 sample activities in the areas of science, social studies, math, and language arts. It also provides guidance for teachers to develop their own activities within the play-debrief-replay framework. Included are a table of contents, an index, and appendices that provide a self-assessment tool for teachers and a materials list for a can-do classroom.

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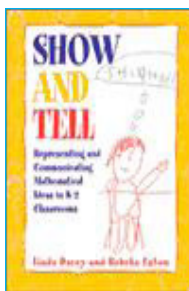
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ISBN: 978-0-8077-3986-0

Copyright: 2000

Year Recommended: 2004

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Show and Tell: Representing and Communicating Mathematical Ideas in K-2 Classrooms

Authors: Dacey, Linda and Eston, Rebeka

Annotation

(CORE) This innovative resource demonstrates how mathematical concepts can be taught through “showing and telling”. Using this instructional method, students develop problem-solving skills as they represent different solutions and communicate their mathematical ideas. Numerous classroom vignettes and examples of student work model how “show and tell” can deepen students’ mathematical understandings.

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Suggested Use: Professional Resource

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Math Solutions Publications

Distributor

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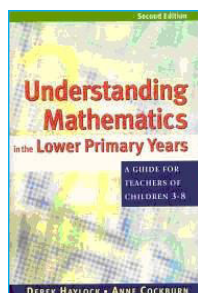
Pagination: 232 p.

ISBN: 978-0-941355-50-6

Copyright: 2002

Year Recommended: 2003

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Understanding Mathematics in the Lower Primary Years: A Guide for Teachers of Children 3-8. 2nd ed.

Authors: Haylock, Derek and Cockburn, Anne

Annotation

(CORE) While this book is written from a British perspective, the pedagogy it promotes is relevant to Saskatchewan's mathematics curriculum. Designed to enhance educators' understanding and teaching of mathematics, the authors promote learning strategies to deepen levels of mathematical concept attainment within students. Emphasis is placed on providing concrete experiences in order to help students make connections to the underlying mathematical ideas. Chapter topics include "Understanding Number", "Understanding Addition and Subtraction", "Understanding Multiplication and Division", "Number Patterns and Calculations", "Measurement", "Shape and Space", "Handling Data", and "Thinking Mathematically".

Note: This resource has also been recommended as a professional resource to support the Kindergarten and Grade 1 Mathematics Curricula (2007).

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Suggested Use: Professional Resource

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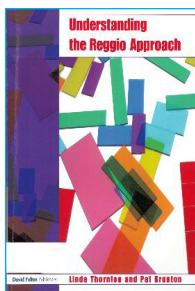
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Copyright: 2003

Year Recommended: 2005

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Understanding the Reggio Approach

Authors: Thornton, Linda and Brunton, Pat

Annotation

(CORE) This is an excellent resource for educators who desire to increase their understanding of the Reggio Emilia approach to early childhood education. The book analyzes the essential elements of this highly regarded approach and offers examples to demonstrate these elements. *Understanding the Reggio Approach* also highlights key ideas that educators should consider when reflecting upon their personal practice. Included are a table of contents, an appendix of descriptions of resources referenced in the book, and an index.

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Suggested Use: Professional Resource

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Taylor & Francis Books (UK)

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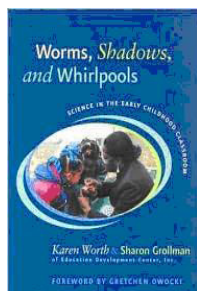
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Copyright: 2005

Year Recommended: 2008

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Worms, Shadows, and Whirlpools: Science in the Early Childhood Classroom

Authors: Worth, Karen and Grollman, Sharon

Annotation

(CORE) This professional resource focuses on what science education can be when it is at its best. This comprehensive book highlights valuable science inquiry skills and concepts that are developmentally appropriate for young children. It also supports integration of science with other subjects. Interspersed throughout the content are teacher stories, black-and-white photographs, and samples of children's work. Included are a table of contents and an index.

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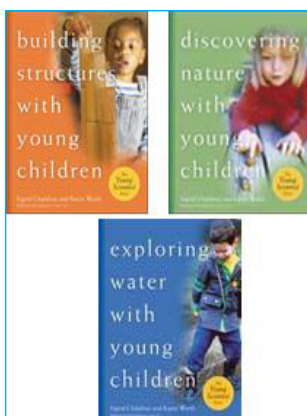
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Annotation

(CORE) These detailed professional resources describe how to guide children in an in-depth exploration of the world around them. Using an inquiry-based approach, teachers can support and build upon children's natural curiosity, engaging them in reflective, purposeful dialogue about their observations of the environment. These excellent resources provide a wealth of ideas for focused exploration and extension activities suitable for both home and school. Many opportunities exist to make connections with curriculum areas including science, mathematics and English language arts. Suggestions and checklists are included to focus teachers' observations and assessment of children's learning in order to assist with the planning of future learning experiences. Included in each book are a table of contents and an index.

A trainer's guide and DVD are available to support each book in the series.

Note: *Discovering Nature with Young Children* has also been recommended to support the Kindergarten and Grade 1 Mathematics Curricula (2007).

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<i>Building Structures with Young Children</i>	978-1-929610-50-1	\$30.95
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Community Resources

Schools and their surrounding communities have a wealth of human and other resources that can support student achievement of learning outcomes. Children can benefit greatly by interacting with visitors to the classroom, by exploring their own school, and by making discoveries about the world that lies outside the school.

Visitors to the Classroom

As children are interested in the work, hobbies, and experiences of their parents/caregivers, Elders, grandparents, older siblings, nurses, police officers, firefighters, and other members of the community, interacting with these human resources can greatly enrich children's learning experiences and achievement of learning outcomes. (When inviting Elders into the classroom, teachers should become familiar with and adhere to local protocol.)

Making Discoveries Within the School

School is part of the whole environment of the child – a living thing drawing vitality from its contribution to and its reflection of the community it serves. A sense of belonging grows from firsthand knowledge; therefore, teachers should arrange tours to help children become accustomed to the layout of the school building and yard, and to introduce them to the work of various members of the school community.

There are many places and people within the school that young children are curious about (e.g., the furnace room, the staff room, the offices, the gym, the yard, the library, the principal, the teachers, the teacher-librarian, the administrative assistant, the caretaker).

Making Discoveries About the World That Lies Outside the School

Student achievement of learning outcomes can be supported through a variety of opportunities within the community. Any street in any city or town is full of possibilities for exploration – there are so many things of immediate interest to young children: the houses, apartments, and shops; the materials used in the construction of buildings; the colour and texture of the bricks and wood; the shape, size, and arrangement of the doors and windows; the layout of the streets; where the children live; the reflections seen on a wet day; the texture of the snow; the shape of lamp posts and their methods of lighting; shadows on the ground. Children can look at the trees, plants, birds, and animals, identify them, find out where they grow or live, and try to describe them. Young children enjoy watching the traffic – they can note the cars, trucks, and buses that pass the school and observe the traffic signals.

Teachers can encourage the use of senses other than vision. Children can shut their eyes and listen, trying to identify the sounds around them. They can feel the vibrations made by traffic, people, and animals passing along roadways and over bridges. They can feel the difference when walking on various substances.

Excursions beyond the school and schoolyard provide varied opportunities for students to achieve particular learning outcomes. Further excursions can be made to many places including a(an):

- airport – to watch airplanes, the people working there, and baggage collection
- art gallery – to look at and discuss the art
- bakery – to watch bread being made
- building site – to watch construction
- conservatory or greenhouse – to learn how plants grow indoors

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- farm – to see the animals, buildings, and machinery
- fire station – to see the fire trucks and equipment
- forest – to investigate how forests grow and rejuvenate
- grasslands – to explore habitat
- grocery store – to purchase food for cooking
- high school – to see where the older girls and boys go
- hospital – to talk to the staff and see the equipment
- landfill – to investigate reducing, recycling, and reusing materials
- library – to discover how resources are arranged and how they can join the library
- lumber yard – to buy lumber for the carpentry centre and discover kinds of wood
- machinery dealer – to investigate how a tractor works
- park – to have a picnic
- post office – to mail thank-you cards
- powwow – to see dancers, hear music, and experience a cultural event
- puppet show – to learn about traditional stories
- river bank or bridge – to watch boats, people, and animals
- senior citizens' home – to visit the people
- service station – to look at the underside of a car and learn about its parts
- train station – to observe trains, signals, and tracks
- waterfowl park or marshland – to learn about the habitat of birds.

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Manipulatives, Toys, Equipment, and Supplies

An effective early childhood classroom needs to be well stocked with appropriate manipulatives, toys, equipment, and supplies. Many of these resources can be found in the natural environment, while other basic resources such as water trays and easels may have to be purchased from reliable suppliers. The following list includes a few examples of distributors where these materials can be purchased:

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Digital Resources

The Saskatchewan Ministry of Education is providing a forum through the Evergreen Curriculum Learning Resources page for teachers to access and share educationally appropriate Internet sites. The URL Database of websites can be found on the Ministry of Education website at www.education.gov.sk.ca/digital-resources.

Information on sites that are highly recommended and linked to curriculum outcomes can be found by accessing this database.

Teachers are encouraged to share their favourite Internet sites with others in the province by registering in the URL database. Once an account has been created, teachers will be able to suggest new Internet sites as well as access and review sites submitted by other teachers. The reviews are used to help determine a recommendation and links to curricula. Educators can register online at the Ministry of Education website.

The General Reference Centre (GRC) provides access to general Internet sites that relate to curricula. The GRC can be found on the Ministry of Education website.

Examples of currently available Internet sites that provide valuable information for early childhood educators follow:

Canadian Association for Young Children (CAYC) at <http://www.cayc.ca/>

(CORE, CAN) This Internet site offers valuable information from the CAYC including its mission statement, its philosophy, membership criteria, publications, and events.

Centre of Excellence for Early Childhood Development (CEECD) at <http://www.excellence-earlychildhood.ca/home.asp?lang=EN>

(CORE) This Internet site provides valuable information from CEECD including its mission statement, mandate, products, activities, and structure.

National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) at <http://www.naeyc.org/>

(CORE) This Internet site provides valuable information from NAEYC including membership criteria, upcoming conferences, publications, and early childhood issues.

North American Reggio Emilia Alliance (NAREA) at <http://www.reggioalliance.org>

(CORE) This Internet site offers valuable information from NAREA, including membership criteria, schools of Reggio, professional development opportunities, and publications.

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Saskatchewan Early Childhood Education Council (ECEC) at <http://ssc.stf.sk.ca/ecec/>

(CORE, SK) This Internet site includes valuable information from ECEC including its mission statement, constitution, upcoming conferences, membership criteria, and publications.

Videatives at <http://www.videatives.com/>

(CORE) This Internet site provides 52 videatives (video narratives) to help viewers increase their understanding of children's thinking and learning. These short clips bring to life sound principles of child development and early childhood education.