



## **BOOKMATES' WORKSHOPS FALL/WINTER 2022**

For a complete listing of Professional Development opportunities please visit:

<https://bookmates.ca/what-we-offer/>. Current themes include:

### **OPEN A BOOK, OPEN THE WORLD**

This workshop is focused on sharing early literacy resources that promote diversity including race, creed, gender, culture, family structures and abilities. Content includes:

- Reviewing the importance of being intentional with the types of early literacy information, tools and strategies we incorporate into our programs
- Exploring concepts to strengthen, support and enhance the fundamentals of literacy while celebrating diverse communities
- Sharing a variety of children's books and related hands-on literacy extension activities that can be integrated into our current environments. These resources will be primarily geared to children ages 2-6 years of age.

### **BOUNCING BACK!: THE IMPORTANCE OF ACTIVE OUTDOOR PLAY & LEARNING AS WE RECOVER FROM A PANDEMIC**

In the early months of the pandemic, time spent outdoors decreased for many as public health restrictions affected access to outdoor spaces. Over time, as our world slowly opened up again, families may have found a new appreciation of the outdoors for physical health (including lower risk of viral transmission) and mental health; for enjoyment, fun and relaxation; and for a way to feel a sense of normalcy in this strange time. This rediscovery of the outdoors has great potential to be an accelerator for ensuring active outdoor play is a priority, and subsequently for educators and families to integrate the organic, natural learning opportunities that occur when we play outside. This workshop focuses on providing early literacy resources, tools and strategies that encourage young children and their caregivers to get active outdoors. Using children's picture books as a framework, we will look at how we can extend concepts in a natural setting, focusing on inquiry-based learning while enhancing children's early literacy skills and overall healthy development.



## **WINTER WONDERLAND – MATCHING WINTER THEMED BOOKS WITH EARLY LEARNING ACTIVITIES**

This workshop will help refresh and rejuvenate your planning process with new ideas that support winter themed play-based, early learning activities. Plenty of rhymes and songs with books and hands-on activities will be shared. A variety of literacy extension ideas based on the rhymes, songs and books presented will be provided as a resource. This workshop is ideal for those working with preschool aged children.

## **BABY TALK: ENCOURAGING LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT WITH INFANTS AND TODDLERS**

This workshop focuses on how we can support children's language development in the early years. Included will be practical, interactive strategies to help children engage and communicate with their caregivers. Some of the topics covered will be:

- Children's conversational styles
- The roles adults play
- Knowing how and why children communicate and how we can more effectively support them
- Strategies we can use to encourage interaction and conversation
- How to use rhymes and stories to help build emergent literacy skills
- Ways of supporting families as partners in building language skills



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