



BOOKMATES' WORKSHOPS WINTER/SPRING 2024

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

SING ME A STORY, READ ME A SONG

This workshop focuses on using songs and rhymes in developing early literacy skills. Through music, rhymes, stories, movement, props and more participants will come away with a variety of ideas for books, songs and literacy extension activities that nurture healthy child development – including language building, numeracy support, gross and fine motor skills, and social-emotional development. No musical background or singing skills required! This workshop is ideal for those working with preschool aged children.



STORIES & SONGS OF SPRING

This workshop will help refresh and rejuvenate your planning process with new ideas that support spring themed play-based, early learning activities. Plenty of rhymes and songs with children's picture 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 toddlers and preschool aged children



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.

FIRST FRIENDS: SUPPORTING SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE EARLY YEARS

This workshop focuses on providing early literacy resources, tools and strategies that support the emerging social-emotional skills of children from birth to 6. Content includes:

- Supporting the building of respect and development of empathy in preschoolers
- Sharing concepts of friendship in the early years: how to make a friend, having fun with friends, including friends, playing with friends etc.
- Discussing how caregivers can nurture and model behaviours that will facilitate this process
- Literacy extension ideas that can support the social aspect of early childhood
- Provision of a suggested book list with titles that incorporate empathy and friendship concepts



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