

The Elemeno Press

Fall 2022 Edition

Playing with Stories (Pilot)

- In collaboration with the Charlottetown Library Learning Centre, this program takes place for 1 hour every Sunday for children ages 2.5-8 and their families.
- Playing with stories has a focus on literacy and numeracy through a play-based approach using stories as a springboard for activities such as music, movement, provocations and learning invitations.
- In our pilot, we took 8 children, which has since grown to 9
- During our last session in December, we will explore snow and play with the story *Over and Under the Snow* by Kate Messner. We will celebrate the winter season with snacks, cookies, and the chance to chat with families about the program.



Storybook STEAM (Pilot)

- The Literacy and Numeracy Outreach Project (LNOP) supports STEAM PEI in their weekly pre-school program. This program takes place for 45 minutes every Wednesday for children ages 2.5-6 and their families.
- During this program, we use stories and connect these stories with activities and challenges in science, technology, engineering, art and math.
- Registration for this program was done through STEAM PEI. This is a MITACS partnership, and we are collaborating in creation and delivery.
- During our last session in December, we will become architects and engineers by building the ideal home for a polar bear, making connections with the story *Home* by Carson Ellis. We will celebrate the winter season with snacks, cookies, and the chance to chat with families about the program.

Principal's Meeting, December 2, 2022 @ the Linkletter Community Centre

In addition to our B.Ed. program co-ordinators, (Erin Reid & Elizabeth Blake), Emily Cook-McDonald and Dr. Ron MacDonald were given the opportunity to present at the recent Public School's Branch, "Principals' Meeting." Their presentation included a brief overview of the history behind the project, and info about play-based literacy and numeracy summer camps, and possible tutoring opportunities.



This information was well-received, and a follow-up was sent to all school administrators to determine interest. Principals also received a digital copy of the 2022 Camp Report. This communication was sent on December 8, and already a number of schools have indicated that they are eager to receive LNOP support in 2023.

WHAT ELSE IS HAPPENING IN DECEMBER?

- Program evaluation:
 - Conversations & questionnaires with the children and families who took part in the fall pilot programs
 - Final debrief with Library to reflect and coordinate upcoming winter program
 - Final debrief with STEAM PEI to reflect on partnership and collaborate about winter program
- Mapping out potential program delivery for 2023 (Tutoring, Camps, Early Year Programs)

