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Learn!



William Watson Elementary School



Welcome to Our School

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Key Messages

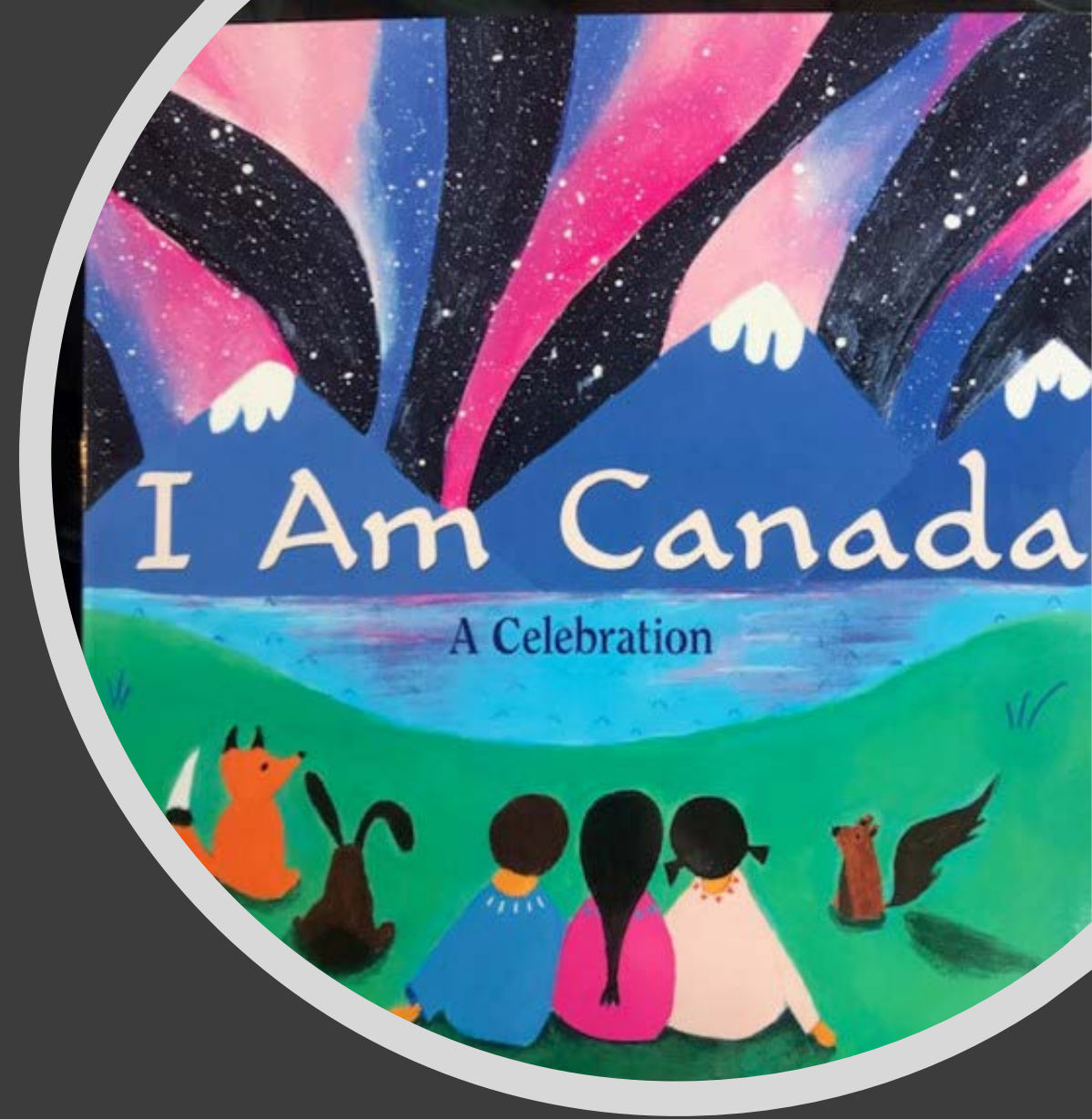
(Early Learning Framework 2019)

- Families are the most important teacher
- Children are strong, capable and full of potential
- Play is integral to well-being and learning

RSL Book

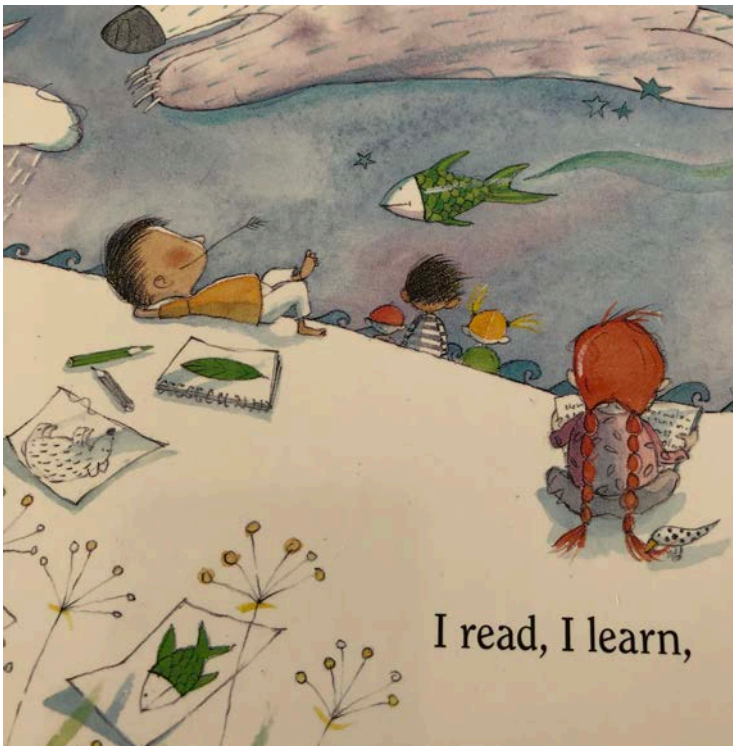
"I read, I learn, I draw, I dream. I am free, I am
Canada."

By Heather Patterson and 13 Canadian
Illustrators



Talk and Read Together

- Talk, talk, talk
- Ask questions
- Read books together
- Engage in oral storytelling
- Use natural materials to create stories
- Explore virtual experiences at [Surrey Libraries](#)





Print in Your Environment

- Notice letters in nature
- Ask your child to identify the letters of their name within the environment
- Have your child build their name with stones or sticks
- Help your child to read familiar words in their environment (e.g. STOP signs, logos, product packaging)



Enjoy Dramatic Play Indoors and Outside



I decide to build a castle.



- Build castles with sand, sticks, rocks and shells
- Create forts with blankets, boxes, tents
- Design a garden shop with old crates, boxes and plants
- Create a fairy garden
- Play in puddles

Explore Numeracy Concepts With Nature

- Compare and sort items found in nature by colour, size, or shape
- Count using dice and sticks
- Find collections of objects (shells, rocks) and count how many
- Notice shapes on a nature walk
- Make patterns with leaves, rocks, or sticks



Encourage Imagination and Creativity



- Create works of art with mud and water
- Provide open ended materials such as sticks, rocks, cardboard tubes, and popsicle sticks to build and create
- Make music with pots, pans, buckets, spoons
- Explore virtual experiences at [Surrey Art Gallery](#)



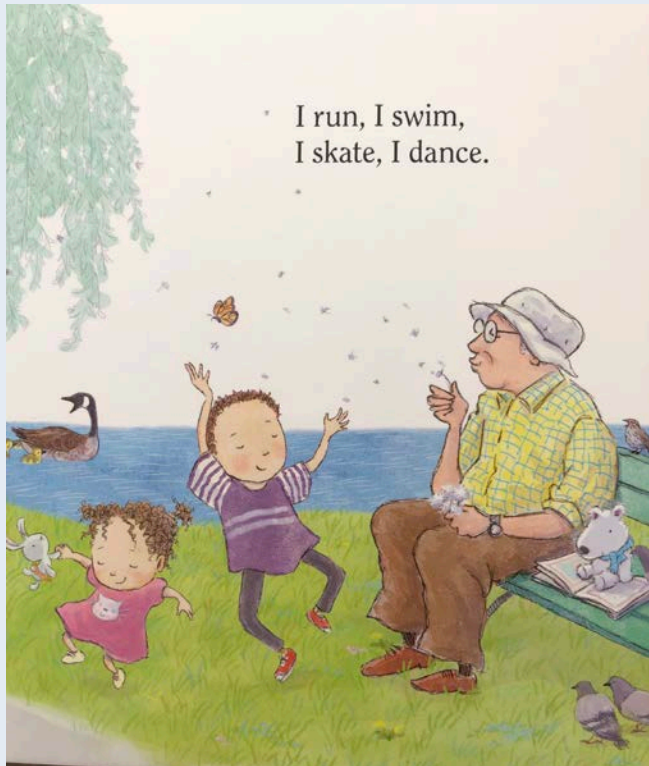


Encourage Wonder with Science

- Encourage your child to sit and notice the environment around them
- Explore bugs, worms and insects in nature
- Discuss weather changes and seasons
- Encourage your child to observe, ask questions and wonder
- Explore books with scientific concepts
- Plant a garden and observe plant growth and changes
- Explore virtual learning opportunities at [Science World](#) or [Surrey Nature Centre](#)



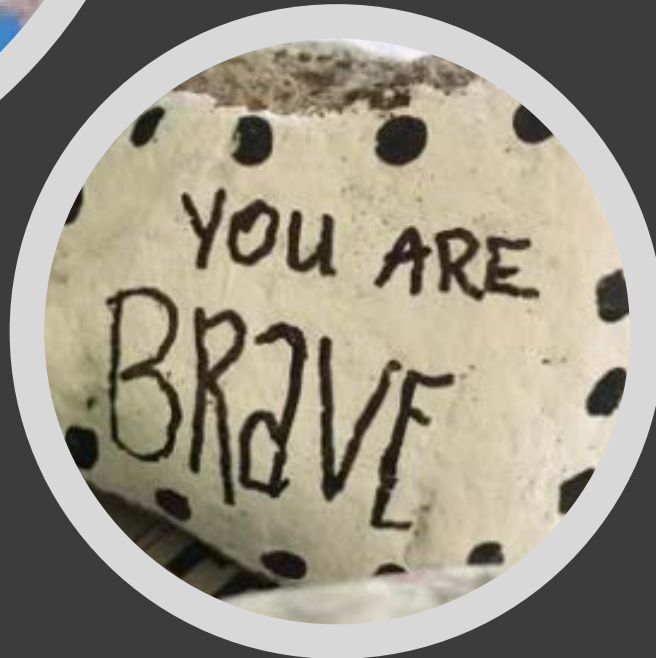
Enjoy Movement and Music



- Run and play outdoors in the forest, the park, or the playground
- Play in the snow, the rain and the puddles
- Play hide and seek or other outdoor games
- Create a dance to your favourite music
- Enjoy music from around the world
- Create instruments out of shoe boxes, buckets, spoons, cardboard tubes & recycled materials

Well-Being and Belonging

- Celebrate your culture, traditions and family stories
- Embrace opportunities to be outdoors and engage in the world around you
- Encourage your child to take risks like climbing on the playground or trying something new to build confidence and a sense of safety/security
- Play games that practice turn taking, following directions and sharing
- Create "just for you" rocks/messages that can be kept in a special place
- Praise your child when they use their words to express their feelings





Fine Motor Skills

(Thank you to Ms. Mac for creating this video)

- Make and create with playdough (roll & squish)
- Use pinecones, shells, and stones for making prints in your playdough
- Thread beads onto pipe cleaners
- Make a pasta necklace
- Encourage experimentation with pencils, scissors, and chalk
- Dig for worms
- Use tweezers to plant seeds in gardens



Healthy Living



- Eat together, talk together, and make mealtime a family time
- Use [Canada's Food Guide](#) to make healthy food choices
- Little ones need lots of sleep, usually 10-12 hours a night
- Limit screen time throughout the day but particularly before bed to ensure a restful sleep
- Visit [Live5210](#) for more ideas to support healthy living

A silhouette of a family of five (two adults and three children) holding hands and raising them in the air against a bright sunset sky. The scene is captured from a low angle, showing the silhouettes of the family members against the glowing horizon. The sky transitions from a pale blue at the top to a bright orange and yellow near the horizon. The family members are standing on a dark, silhouetted ground with some sparse vegetation. The overall mood is one of joy and unity.

Access More Services Through Our Community Partners

- [Surrey Libraries](#)
- [Early Years HUB](#)
- [Fraser Regional Friendship Centre Association \(FRAFCA\)](#)
- [First Steps Early Years Refugee Program](#)
- [Child Care Options Resource and Referral](#)



Additional Information For Families

[Early Learning Framework – A Guide for Families](#)

[Let's Play – Activities for Families](#)

[First Peoples Principles of Learning](#)

Surreyschoolsone.ca - For ideas to support learning at home (StrongStart)

A close-up photograph of a person's hands holding a smooth, grey, heart-shaped stone. The person is wearing a red long-sleeved shirt. The background is a blurred surface of small, grey pebbles. The text "Thank you for joining our virtual RSL event!" is overlaid in white on the stone.

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