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CISPG LEARNING

Catholic Independent Schools Diocese of Prince George

"ALL learners thriving in inspired Catholic Learning Communities"



Hello everyone!

Welcome to the Year of the Snake. Lunar New Year, also known as the Chinese New Year and Spring Festival, marks the end of winter and the arrival of the spring season on the lunisolar calendar. It is regarded as the most popular holiday in China and Chinese communities around the world ©



NOW IS THE TIME TO ...



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I respectfully acknowledge the unceded ancestral lands of the Indigenous nations in which I live, work, and learn: The Lheidli T'enneh Nation in Prince George. The Tsimshian Nation in Prince Rupert and Terrace. The Haisla Nation in Kitimat. The Wet'suwe'ten in Smithers. The Treaty 8 First Nations of Alberta in Dawson Creek.





World Read Aloud Day is coming February 5th and Scholastic has a great line up of free author read-aloud events at <u>https://bit.ly/4hajRI4</u>!



RESOURCES

All resources mentioned in this newsletter have been collected from school districts and educators across the province. Please be advised that the links embedded within this document are meant to provide examples of "strong practice" across BC. They are not meant to overwhelm, but rather to support CISPG educators with a repository of rich resources. I am grateful to school districts and educators across BC who so generously share their learning with us.

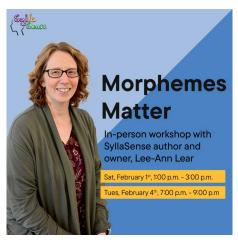
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Melodie Van Der Meer, our amazing **Christian Education Consultant**, can be reached at the following email: <u>mvandermeer@cispg.ca</u>. Check out her padlet at: <u>https://padlet.com/melodievandermeer/cispg-christian-education-resources-cug8dsv8m0alnyu0</u>

Explore these great activities from the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops for the 2025 Jubilee Year!

https://www.cccb.ca/evangelization-catechesis-catholic-education/the-ordinary-jubilee-of-the-year-2025/catechetical-activities-for-children-and-youth/

LITERACY



• Shared by **SyllaSense @SyllaSense** - **Morphology** shapes how we speak, read, and write! Teaching morphology early builds strong literacy skills. Join Lee-Ann Lear's "Morphemes Matter: The Power of Morphology Instruction in Primary Classrooms" workshop to learn more. <u>https://syllasense.com/pages/syllasense-workshops</u>

• From Janet Mort, BC based author of Joyful Literacy Interventions -Early Screening and Intervention Pro D February 14, 2025: <u>https://www.joyfulliteracyonline.com/clinic-feb-2025</u> Please be aware that we have also purchased the rights to the Joyful Literacy Program, available on TEAMS [©]

• From **Erin King @ErinCKing** - Our primary team sat down today to go through our **screener data**, look at diagnostics, and decide on next steps.

We prepared a binder of support documents beginning with this decision tree from @ONlit_social. I'm thrilled that UFLI will now be in all classes: <u>https://onlit.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/Decision-Tree.pdf</u>

 From Matthew Burns @nurnsmk1 - New, study on @UFLiteracy in press in Reading Research Quarterly: "Adding instruction in foundational skills increased early literacy skills scores by more than 1.0 standard deviation."

https://www.researchgate.net/publication/387694850_Effect_of_an_Instructional_Program_in_Foundational_ Reading_Skills_on_Early_Literacy_Development_of_Students_in_Kindergarten_and_First_Grade

• Shared by Mme Lockhart @MmeLockhartLDSB - While the #ScienceOfReading has taken off at the elementary level, very few high school teachers have received training on evidence-based reading instruction! The Science of Reading is NOT just for elementary school teachers! In fact, the SOR applies to learners of ALL ages and disseminating this knowledge through high schools is essential. If you're a Secondary school teacher or administrator, you may be interested in this #PodcastPairing for **adolescent learners with @focusonliteracy**:

https://podcasts.apple.com/ca/podcast/melissa-lori-love-literacy/id1463219123?i=1000678612978 https://youtu.be/qZI-uNtf8VQ?si=DjYvGfRRpOM_t58T https://seekcommonground.org/pal

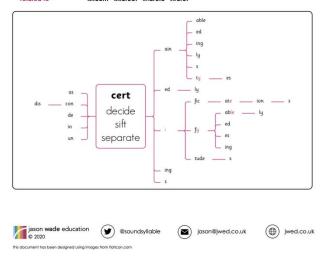
- Shared by ONlit.org @ONlit_social Book Study on Harnessing the Science of Learning Starts Thursday, February 6 - Will we see you there? <u>https://onlit.org/series/harnessing-the-science-of-learning-book-study/</u>
- From Team ONlit Thanks so much to Melissa Monette-Smith for leading a wonderful webinar last week! The recording is now posted in the Resource Library: <u>https://onlit.org/resource/grade-1-planning-from-data-to-instruction-webinar-recording/</u> Learn how Melissa uses screening & diagnostic data to plan her Gr1 literacy block-building small groups, guiding instruction with a scope & sequence, and setting long-range plans!

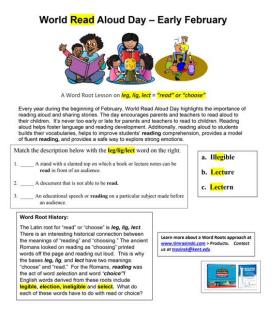


- https://www.uen.org/core/languagearts/writing-collection/downloads/PathBetterWriting.pdf
- From TCEA @TCEA Learn how to use the **"What do you notice?" strategy** in #ELA. Introduce any unit, genre, text set, or question with this inquiry-based lesson <u>https://buff.ly/4gcWJaw</u> via @writeonmissg

- From Pam Kastner @liv2Learn I have made an infographic from the Meadow Center's: Sequence of Teacher Feedback to Students' Decoding Errors in Text Reading. I hope you find it helpful. You can access it at this link: <u>https://bit.ly/4hdNsR9</u>
- From **Sounds & Syllables** @SoundSyllable The Root Repository | #198 | cert (decide, separate, sift) A hi-res PDF can be downloaded here: <u>https://jwed.co.uk/2021/04/13/rootrepository/</u>
- Shared by Tim Rasinski @TimRasinski1 **MORPHOLOGY MONDAY!** February 5 is World Read Aloud Day. Thus, this week's focus morphemes/word roots are "leg, lig, lect" = "read/choose."

morpho	logy roots	sounds & sy IIa bles
C C C		le, sift, separate Latin cernere (decide, sift, separate)
certain	<u>c er t ai n</u>	cert + ain (of)
	to be cert ain is to have no	o doubt, having decided that something is true
certify	c er ti f y	cert + i + fy (make)
		ate, often in the form of an official document (a cert ificate), lecided to be true or correct
cert itude	c er ti tu de	cert + i + tude (state of)
	certitude is the state of be	eing cert ain, of having decided that something is true
as cert ain	a sc er t ai n	as (to) + cert + ain (of)
		, find out or learn the truth about a thing, to move towards ciding that something is true
concert	concert	con (with) + cert
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POPEY Play and Early Learning Workshop

Series - Register here for all 3 sessions: https://www.popey.ca/workshop-resources/playand-early-learning-workshop-series-session-1

Session One: February 3, 2025 British Columbia's Early Learning Framework

The Early Learning Framework (ELF) offers practical guidance and pedagogical clarity for educators working with young children aged birth

to eight in our province. This session will provide an overview of the ELF and offer guiding principles that can inform our work with young children.

Session Two: February 24, 2025

Play Today

Play Today is a handbook that serves as a supporting document to the Early Learning Framework (ELF). This session will review the importance of play in all aspects of child development, with practical exemplars of how play can be supported in early learning environments.

<u>Session Three: March 3, 2025</u> Learning in the Primary Years

Learning in the Primary Years is a companion document specifically for K-3 teachers offering pedagogical

foundations for learning alongside relational teaching practices. This session will highlight the importance of pedagogical choices and how these dynamic decisions influence the ways in which children experience curricular learning along a continuum of play.

NUMERACY

- Shared by Mathigon @MathigonOrg Deck 5 of Division by Heart using number bars to model quotative division. Learn more about all decks and how to use these FREE flashcards with students at <u>http://fluency.amplify.com/help</u>
- From Cathy Marks Krpan This is wonderful website for math picture book ideas along with descriptions of the content/skills that can be taught with each book! Scroll down to the picture book icons. We need to be more deliberate on how we use picture books in our classrooms: <u>https://mathgeekmama.com/math-</u> <u>with-picture-books/</u>
- Shared by Teacher2Teacher @teacher2teacher Learning is social, reminds @lllustrateMath - and Think-Pair-Share strategies can help your Ss connect with each other and learn together! Read more - and download a bonus poster! - here:

https://illustrativemathematics.blog/2024/09/11/think-pair-share/

* Featured *

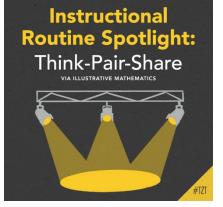
Classroom Resource

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From National Numeracy @Nat_NUMERACY - National Numeracy
Day 2025 is on Wednesday
21 May (in the UK). AND for
the first time, we're offering
full access to our 200+ Family



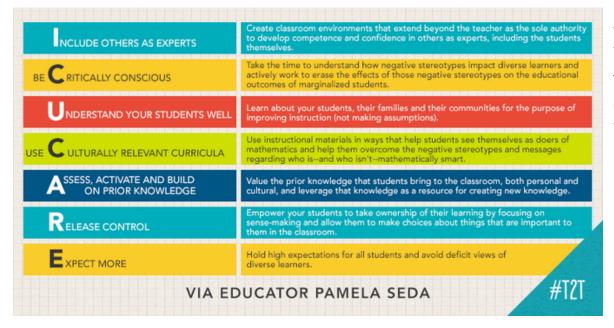
#Maths Toolkit resources as part of signing up: https://bit.ly/3E1ZfD8

- From NCTM @NCTM Teach subtraction with hands-on activities using snacks and story problems to help students explore "taking away" and record their findings on a chart. This PK-2 resource is a fun and engaging way to build math understanding! <u>https://www.nctm.org/Classroom-</u> <u>Resources/Illuminations/Lessons/Take-Away/</u>
- Click here to view all of the Webinars offered by Box Cars & One-Eyed Jacks. There is something for everyone © <u>https://boxcarsandoneeyedjacks.com/product-category/game-</u> <u>type/webinar-game-type/</u>
- Shared by TCEA @TCEA Looking to to strengthen math fact fluency in your classroom? Discover a roundup of teacherrecommended resources to make learning math facts interactive and effective. Explore here <u>https://buff.ly/4hsjlj3</u>
- From Tom Hierck @thierck Math teachers, this tool will add insights and assist with planning any next steps as all students develop their



number sense and Jonathan Ferris @Jonathan_Ferris - Here's a short video describing the attributes of the **SNAP assessment**. Have a look! https://x.com/Jonathan_Ferris/status/1877541506908565627/video/1

• From Teacher2Teacher @teacher2teacher - By affirming the value of what each S brings to math class, you



can empower them to own their learning journeys. Check out educator @pamseda1's framework here:

- Shared by Graham Fletchy <u>graham@gfletchy.com</u> Over the past year, I've been working on several exciting projects that I'll be sharing on <u>gfletchy.com</u>, and I'm thrilled to kick things off as we head into the new year. These projects include nine brand-new progression videos and over 30 fresh tasks! Here's what you can look forward to:
 - Progression of Number Line in Grades K-2
 - Progression of Base Ten Models
 - Progression of Subtraction with Regrouping
 - Progression of Fractions in the Early Grades
 - Progression of a Strip Model Diagram for Division
 - Progression of Adding and Subtracting Fractions
 - o Progression of Multiplying Fractions
 - o Progression of Fractions to Decimals
 - Progression of Progression of Algebraic Thinking and Representation

Two new progression videos are live now, and I think you'll enjoy checking them out:

The Progression of Number Lines in Grades K-2: https://gfletchy.com/progression-of-a-k2-numberline/ The Progression of a Strip Model Diagram for Division: https://gfletchy.com/progression-of-strip-modeldiagram-for-division/

EXPLORATIONS

- From **Take Me Outside** @takemeoutside Sign up for the **7th Annual Take Me Outside Winter Challenge** from February 24th to March 7th! Join us for 2 weeks of celebrating Outdoor Learning during the winter season. To learn more visit: https://takemeoutside.ca/winterchallenge/
- From the Outdoor Learning Store Free February Virtual Workshops





Starting next week!

- **Feb 4**: <u>Climate and Sustainability Education Games and Resources</u>
- **Feb 11**: Disability Justice in Outdoor Learning
- Feb 25: <u>Teaching Ideas and Activities for using Sit Spots</u>

These are all **1 hour** in length, and all take place at 4 pm Pacific / 7pm Eastern time. The **recording** is made available to all registrants the day following the workshop.

Spring Online Courses:

- <u>School Gardening for Educators</u> starts **Feb 19** with Megan Zeni
- o Teaching in the Outdoor Classroom starts April 2 with Lauren MacLean

Super Early Bird Registration is now open for:

• <u>A Walking Curriculum for the Early Years Course</u> - starts **Oct 8** with Dr. Gillian Judson, Dr. Michelle McKay and Klara Redford

PHE/SEL

- From OPEN Phys Ed @OPENPhysEd **Getting ready for Jump Rope activities** in #physed for February? We have skill videos with live demos, like this Heel-to-Heel video, on our YouTube channel to help you teach the jumps! Complete playlist at <u>https://bit.ly/3ZZjDf</u>
- Share by Rose Pillay @RosePillay1 Assessing, Grading and Communicating Student Learning in BC: <u>https://pheinbc.com/2024-25-l-series/</u> A 5-part webinar learning series focusing on all the steps from choosing and unpacking the PHE curricular learning standards, to planning learning experiences, to assessing and supporting student growth, all the way up to and including how to communicate student learning using the BC Reporting Guidelines. You must register for each Webinar.

INDIGENOUS EDUCATION

- Shared by **Carolyn Roberts** @mcarolynroberts I was so privileged to talk with so many amazing Indigenous educators across BC to hear about their work and how they support Indigenous education. Have a listen to this 6-part series, it is so GOOD! <u>https://www.carolynroberts.net/walking-in-relation-podcast</u>
- From 4 Seasons of Indigenous Learning Upcoming Indigenous Learning Opportunities
 - o On Feb 18: Indigenous Resources for the Early & Elementary Years virtual workshop
 - o Starts July 2: Connecting Children to Nature through Indigenous Teachings Course
 - Starts **Aug 6:** <u>Summer Creativity Workshops</u> with Richard Van Camp



• Shared by Strong Nations @strong_nations - In this uplifting story, a young Indigenous man overcomes hardship to fulfill his dream of becoming a doctor. Find The Rez Doctor on our website! It's also included in our **2025 Secondary School Bundle**: https://www.strongnations.com/store/11678/secondary-schoolbundle-2025

• "Graceful language honors skywalkers throughout this stirring telling, while fluidly rendered watercolor illustrations in a desaturated color palette employ sweeping perspective and scale." – Publishers Weekly

https://www.strongnations.com/store/11812/to-walk-the-sky-how-iroquoissteelworkers-helped-build-towering-cities

INCLUSIVE EDUCATION

• For all Inclusive Education educators, this is a MUST DO - Sign up for Shelley Moore's newsletter on



Anchoring Inclusive Practices in Indigenous Pedagogies:



Designing for Diversity, Inclusion, and Equity

A live, virtual learning series with Jo Chrona & Dr. Shelley Moore

January 23, 2025	Session 1: Situating Ourselves and Overview of Learning Series
February 4, 2025	Session 2: Knowing Learners from a Strength-Based Perspective
March 3, 2025	Session 3: Needs Based Support Planning
April 1, 2025	Session 4: Curricular Design Strategies – Part 1: Backwards Design
May 6, 2025	Session 5: Curricular Design Strategies - Part 2: Learning Continuums
June 3, 2025	Session 6: Universally Designed Lesson Strategies
June 10, 2025	Session 7: Inclusive Assessment For, As, and Of, Learning

https://www.drshelleymoore.com/outsidepin Outside Pin Consulting is the parent company that encompasses Dr. Shelley Moore and Five Moore Minutes. Established in 2023 by Dr. Shelley Moore, the company aims to educate, inspire, and transform inclusive education. The Outside Pin team is currently expanding to include other incredible speakers and professional development facilitators who are committed to inclusion, are aligned with Shelley's philosophies and approach, and who bring their unique perspectives to this work.

Outside Pin Consulting:

• **PEOPLE ARE NOT SUPPORTS:** <u>https://fivemooreminutes.com/people-are-</u>not-supports/

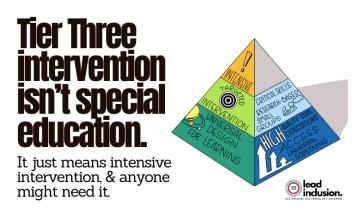
Register here for courses: https://fivemooreminutes.teachable.com/courses/

 From Colorin_Colorado @ColorinColorado - Sentence Frames and Sentence Starters: Strategy and Free Slides for PD! <u>https://colorincolorado.org/teaching-ells/ell-classroom-strategy-library/sentence-</u> <u>frames#slides</u>

"Pulling students out of their core instruction goes against the most fundamental principle of a multi-tiered system of support.

All students should receive high-quality tier 1 instruction, and intervention (tiers 2 and 3) should be in addition to tier 1, not instead of





Shared by Lee Ann Jung @leeannjung - #MTSS/#RTI is more about prevention in ALL classrooms than it is intervention. Tier One is about creating warm, inclusive, universally designed environments that deliver the best instruction and respond with intervention at the first sign of need.

ASSESSMENT/INSTRUCTION

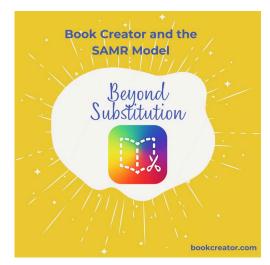
Assessment becomes self-assessment when learners play an active role in gathering and analyzing evidence, setting short-term goals, making decisions to advance those goals, and reflecting on the success of those decisions.

> *Katie White* Student Self-Assessment



Shared by **Jim Knight** - @jimknight99 Data can help us see people that we might not otherwise see. Used incorrectly, data can keep us from seeing what is most important all around us.

- From the Book Creator Team @BookCreatorApp Kick Off 2025 with Creativity! Our January Newsletter is here! Start the year strong with exciting ideas, resources, and activities for your classroom! <u>https://hubs.la/Q031q87W0</u>
- Also from **Book Creator** How To Enable and Use Apps in the Book Creator App: <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8PPlssNkCKI</u>
- Shared by Alice Keeler @alicekeeler It's how you use the tools that truly transform them. Book Creator can be a valuable resource for engaging students and going beyond simple substitution. <u>https://alicekeeler.com/2024/05/29/beyondsubstitution-elevating-learning-with-book-creator/</u>

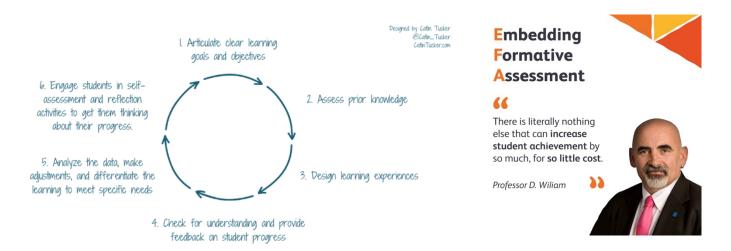


 Shared by Monica Burns @ClassTechTips - Ready to turn student aspirations into actionable goals this #VisionBoardDay? In this post, I share 10 innovative ways to help kids visualize their dreams. From digital storytelling to interactive portfolios, help your students to dream big -<u>https://classtechtips.com/2024/02/07/goal-setting-activities/</u>



• From ASCD.org via Rose Pillay @RosePillay1 -"**Generative artificial intelligence** (GenAI) is a disrupter. It's here to stay, and embracing it can improve instruction, learning, and assessment." @myrondueck

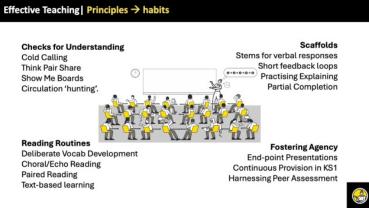
"How to Unpack A Learning Standard Using Chatgpt": https://ascd.org/el/articles/how-to-unpack-a-learningstandard-using-chatgpt



- Shared by Catlin Tucker @Catlin_Tucker How can you effectively weave **formative assessment** into the design & facilitation of learning regardless of the teaching & learning landscape? <u>https://bit.ly/4dSaEla</u>
- Shared by Catlin Tucker Kids love "would you rather" games–like "Would you rather be friends with a
 ghost or a dragon? " In the classroom, you can use choice to boost student engagement! See how + use
 my FREE video slideshow here: <u>https://bit.ly/3Ovkvmr</u>

Would You Rather?		
This That		
Read an article Listen to a podcast		
Watch a video and complete an Edpuzzle lesson Participate in teacher-led, small group instruction		
Engage in a small group discussion Participate in an asynchronous online discussion		
Work alone Work in pairs or small groups		
Complete a writing task to make connections between concepts Complete a concept map to show connections between concepts		
Conduct online research Interview a family member or friend		
Pen and paper practice or review Practice or review with an online program		
Take notes or annotate Draw sketchnotes		
Record a verbal explanation Type a written explanation		

 Shared by Tom Sherrington @teacherhead - Successful practice in action. Field report 2: Effective teaching. <u>https://teacherhead.com/2024/07/12/successful-practice-in-action-field-report-2-effective-teaching/</u>



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PROFESSIONAL LEARNING

Interactive Webinar Series Engaging all Learners in the Middle Years



For those of you who are interested, the **session 1 and 2 recordings** are now available on the <u>series</u> <u>webpage</u>: <u>https://elvlc.educ.ubc.ca/2024/10/15/engaging-all-learners-in-the-middle-years-2025/</u>



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• From **BCAMT** @BCAMT - Details about our in-person and online **Interior Math Conference on Feb. 14** now up on our website. <u>https://bcamt.ca/imc</u>

