Métis Nation of Ontario Early Learning & Child Care

ELCC ADVISORS' BOOK CLUB

Our Book Recommendation:

A Real-Life Métis Superhero Louis Riel

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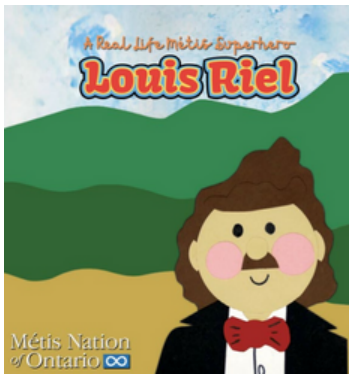

Age Recommendation:

3+

Synopsis:

The book tells the life story of the real-life Metis Superhero Louis Riel

Metis Connections

Louis Riel is an important figure to the Métis people, and the MNO Curriculum and Resource team has created a webpage dedicated to fostering knowledge, understanding, and meaningful content for educators. We encourage you to take the time to explore this resource, deepening your understanding of Louis Riel's role in history so that we can better educate and inspire others.

Why We love It

On November 16th, the Métis people commemorate Louis Riel, honoring his enduring legacy. This book recounts the life of Louis Riel and his courageous advocacy for the rights and identity of the Métis people. Featuring a diverse collection of illustrations created using various mediums, such as felt board pieces, plasticine, real-life photographs, and drawings. It vividly brings Riel's story to life. Through its engaging visuals and narrative, this book fosters awareness and understanding of Louis Riel's pivotal role in Métis heritage and history.

Connections to "How Does Learning Happen?" Ontario's Pedagogy for the Early Years:

Belonging: Nurtured through strong relationships, cultural connections, and a sense of place. For Métis children, fostering belonging means creating spaces where their identity, history, and ways of knowing are recognized, respected, and celebrated. As educators, we can weave Métis culture into our learning environments through stories, traditions, and land-based learning, ensuring that every child sees themselves reflected and valued in their educational journey
Expression: Encouraging creativity, communication, and exploration through hands- on and sensory-rich activities.

Scaffolding Activities

November 16th: Remembering Louis Riel
Planning meaningful activities to incorporate Métis heritage into your learning environment can help children connect with this important part of history. After reading a book about Louis Riel, consider engaging children in activities that celebrate Métis culture and heritage

- Sashes in Dramatic Play: Provide Métis sashes in the dramatic play area for children to use creatively as belts, baby carriers, or tools encouraging exploration and role-play.

- Music and Movement: Play traditional Métis fiddle music and provide spoons for children to experiment with creating rhythms and beats, promoting musical exploration and movement.

Additional Resources and Links

Check our these MNO Links that provide further information regarding Louis Riel Day

Louis Riel Day
MNO Website

Let's Dive a little deeper
the life of Louis Riel

Métis Days of Significance
November
Curriculum and Resource

Let's Chat About the Book!

For each book we cover, you can join us and chat about it in the MNO Education Hub's "ELCC Professionals" discussion area! See you there!
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