Métis Nation of Ontario Early Learning & Child Care

ELCC ADVISORS' NEWSLETTER

December 2026

Métis Like Me Story Bag Presentation

On Thursday, January 21, 2027, at 10 AM EST, please join the Advisors as they explore outdoor learning inquiry and extend conversations on cultural appreciation, Truth and Reconciliation, and responsibility when engaging with Métis knowledge, stories, and way of life. Educators will be introduced to ideas and activities that complement the resource cards in the story bag. These activities offer opportunities for outdoor exploration, land-based learning, and inquiry through Métis-inspired themes. They also help children connect their lived experiences, building understanding and respect for others' ways of life and the land.

Participants will leave with practical ideas to support inclusive, play-based learning that fosters a sense of belonging and respect for diverse cultures.

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December and January Holiday Closures

Please note the Métis Nation of Ontario is **closed from noon December 18, 2026, to January 4, 2027**.
The Advisor Team would like to wish you all "HAPPY HOLIDAYS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR".

Looking Ahead Together

Thank you for welcoming us into your programs, sharing your ideas, and working alongside us to support Métis children and families. We truly value our partnership and look forward to what we'll accomplish together in the coming year.

thank you

Michif-Fransè

"The MNO strives to support citizens' and communities' to reclaim, revitalize, maintain, and strengthen Métis languages in Ontario. Michif-Fransè is the variety of Michif French found in Ontario and has been given this specific label to distinguish it from a similar variety spoken in Manitoba, primarily in the area of Saint-Laurent."
Become a co-learner with the children in your early learning environment using the Michif-Fransè app.

The Michif-Fransè app!

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Learn more about Métis language initiatives

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MNO ELCC Resources Available for Purchase!

Did you know that Wintergreen Learning Materials now offers Métis-centered resources developed by the MNO ELCC Advisory Team?

Now Available:

- "The Giving Tree" Story Bag Kit
- "Christmas Mittens" Story Bag Kit
- "Ways to Carry a Métis Baby" Story Bag Kit
- "Métis Like Me" Story Bag Kit

These kits are sold at cost to ensure Métis children and their families can see their history and traditions reflected in their learning environments. Wintergreen and the MNO do not profit from the sale of these resources.

WINTERGREEN LEARNING MATERIALS

ELCC INFRASTRUCTURE AND PARTNERSHIP ADVISOR TEAM

The ELCC Advisor Team at the Métis Nation of Ontario is dedicated to enhancing relationship building with existing early learning centers/programs across Ontario and strengthening relationships with regional municipalities.

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Play Invitation: Christmas Mittens Story Bag Felt Board

Storytelling has long been an important way to share knowledge, traditions, and experiences for within Métis families and communities. Offering children opportunities to retell and create stories through felt board play fosters imagination, communication, and meaningful cultural connections in an engaging, developmentally appropriate way.

Invite children to explore the felt board pieces from the "Christmas Mittens" Story Bag. Encourage them to create their own winter stories by arranging the felt pieces, retelling the story, or imagining new adventures for the characters. As children build and share their stories, they develop oral language, sequencing, creativity, and confidence while making personal connections to Métis culture and winter traditions.

Extend the learning: Add natural materials such as pinecones, small branches, wooden slices, or cotton "snow" alongside the felt board to inspire new settings and storytelling opportunities.

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