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In partnership with the South Region Children's Services



Meet our ECEs

Ms. Keylee Dolgopol Bow Island Playschool

How long have you worked with children? I started nannying when I was 18 and then went to school for Early Learning and Child Care. I worked part time at a preschool while attending school in Vermilion, AB. I guess the moral of the story is I have been working with kids for 5 years.

Favorite Children's Book: The Belly Button Book by Sandra Boynton

What I'm reading now: I am currently reading a few books, but the one that I am really excited to finish is *Every Breath* by Nicholas Sparks.

Words of Inspiration: When something does not go as planned, yell "Plot Twist!" and move on.

How I take care of myself: This changes with the seasons... In the spring and summer, I love being outside with my horses. In the winter I love to curl up with a good book and a hot drink. Sometimes, a tea with a good friend will help too. Working out has also been a big go-to for myself.

Why didn't someone tell me: To work extremely hard in high school and take the highest classes possible. Study and don't be afraid to ask for help and if it's not making sense, ask your teacher to explain it in a different way.

Proudest accomplishment or Best Day:

I have many accomplishments that I cannot pick one. But, one of the best days was seeing my playschools kid's smiles on the first day of classes in September.

Future Goal: To keep learning something new every day.



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February 24, 2021

7 – 9 p.m.

Goto Webinar
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Marc Battle,
Early Childhood
Speaker
Red River College
Winnipeg, Manitoba

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Using children's story books in staff/provider meetings

There are numerous children's books that carry great messages for staff and can be integrated into staff meetings and other professional development events as a discussion topic:

The Day The Crayons Quit by Drew Daywalt

This book is great for illustrating team work. All colours are needed; if one is missing, the work cannot get done. At a leadership training I led, we acted the story out. Cheesy, but we laughed and had fun while hammering home a perfect message.

Miss Tizzy by Libba Moore Gray

There are so many pieces I love about this story. I love it because it is a multi-age group of children and emulates family child care. Miss Tizzy spends each day of the week doing something fun with the neighborhood children. She teaches the children valuable lessons through play and when Miss Tizzy becomes too sick to play, the children model each day by doing something for her that she has taught them. This story is powerful in reminding teachers the importance of their work and the ripple effect they create with all their goodness.

Miss Rumphius by Barbara Cooney

Miss Rumphius is a beautifully illustrated story that reminds readers that our purpose in life goes beyond what we do each day and we are seeking out what is that important thing we will do to make our world of more beautiful place.

Swimmy by Leo Lionni

Swimmy is a short story that simply illustrates the importance of a team.

The Crown on Your Head by Nancy Tillman

This is another beauty recognizing individual strengths and celebrating them; we are all different and need each other.

Beautiful Oops by Bernie Salzberg

Mistakes happen all the time, milks get spilt, paint falls in the floor, and we reassure the children it is not a big deal. However, when we make a mistake we beat ourselves up for days. Mistakes are opportunities to learn.

The Three Questions by John J. Muth

Simply put: at any given time we need to make choices and when faced with these three questions, the answer may be clear.

From: Exchange Magazine (July/August 2016). All books except Miss Tizzy are available through the Shortgrass Library system. Miss Tizzy can be found on Amazon.