

# Continuing Learning

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Level: Grades K - 7

Category: Literacy

Title of Lesson:

Shi-shi-etko

Goals/Objectives:

Shi-shi-etko is a beautifully written story that gently introduces the subject of residential schools to younger children. In the youtube link below, the mayor of Edmonton provides a brief introduction to residential schools in Canada. Children will explore the value of being connected to family, and to our traditional territories. We will discuss how the teachings we learn from our families at home can help us deal with difficult situations. We will complete a visualization activity and can put together a memory bag with natural objects.

Materials Needed:

- x Access to the internet with the ability to stream video, using a phone, tablet or computer.
- x Shi-shi-etko, by Nicola Campbell, illustrated by Kim LaFave. Mayor of Edmonton reading the picture book on YouTube. Link: <https://youtu.be/P5B3ReaLQeY>
- x blank paper, pencil, pencil crayons

1. Before Reading

- Inform students that good readers can make pictures in their mind while they read. Nicola Campbell uses such descriptive language in her book that it is easy to picture the story as it is told. Share a phrase, such as "...watched the sunlight dance butterfly steps across her mother's sleeping face..."

2. While Reading

- Listen to the reading of Shi-shi-etko focussing on the beautiful illustrations. Pause video

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## 4. Visualization Activity

x Read a few quotes. Have children choose one quote to copy and

have them now illustrate their visualization