



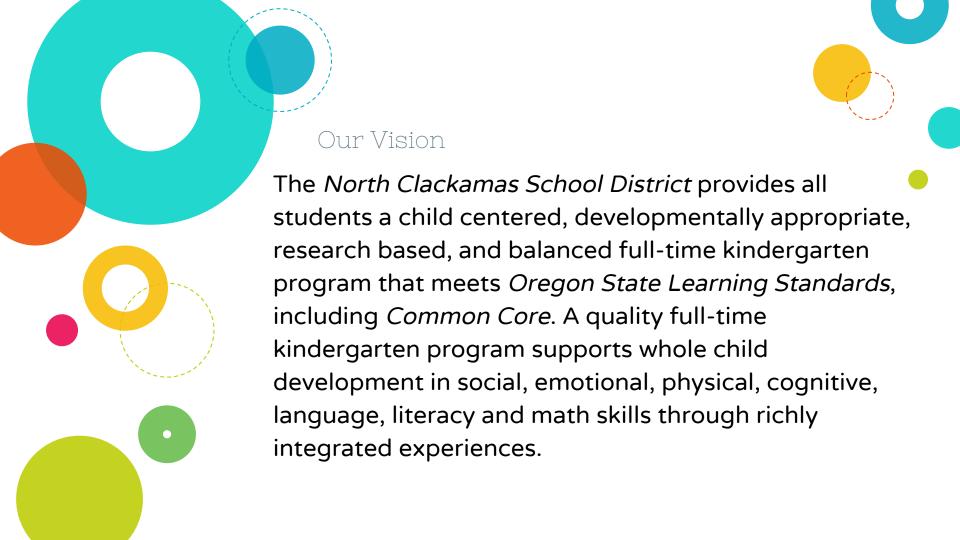
## Overview of the Session

- Our Equity Lens Language and Access (10 min)
- Creating a program for FDK what we wanted
- Our model What we are doing and why
- What a lesson looks like sample
- Outcomes

# Overview of Model and Research

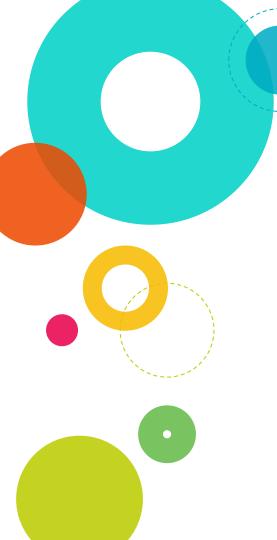


Interaction is fundamental to identity, learning, and even survival (Rutledge, 2011).



### Our Guiding Beliefs:

- Family, school, and community partnering
- Joyful, safe, warm, play-based, and developmentally appropriate environments
- Diverse cultural beliefs, home languages, experiences, and abilities are honored.
- O Growth mindset
- Balance teacher-directed and student-selected activities.
- Explore and process learning as children actively construct their understanding of the world.
- A bridge between early learning experiences and the K-12 system.



# Why Integrated Thematic Units?

2015 Planning implementation of Full Day K • Hopes and Dreams:

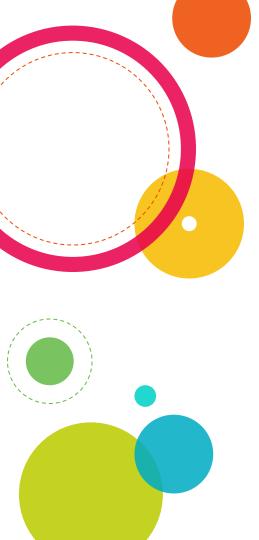
To have an inclusive integrated, thematic language arts curriculum

### •Problem:

We were 4 years out from a language arts adoption

#### •Solution:

A team of Administrators, Coaches, Teachers, and ELD Specialists met and developed the idea of writing our own language-rich, inclusive curriculum for Kindergarten



# An Integrated Thematic Unit...

Uses a central idea to engage children

Integrates knowledge from different disciplines

Encourages deep exploration of content



# Overarching Themes

4 Overarching Themes (based on Science and Social Studies standards)

- Community
- Motion
- Our Earth
- Animals & Habitat





- Units range between 10-19 days
- Each unit overview has:
  - Essential Question
  - Enduring Understandings
  - Standard Alignment
  - Language Functions and Forms
  - Vocabulary
  - End of Unit Assessment
  - Texts
  - Unit Resources

Unit at a Glance

# Language For All

- The purpose of this instructional approach is to:
- develop an approach that works to remove barriers and provide equitable outcomes for all students by implementing inclusive instruction that is not disruptive to the whole group experience.
- help build oral academic language and communication skills for to create a good foundation for reading, writing, listening, and speaking.
  - provide an opportunity for all students to access language development instruction to support the academic language demands in CCSS.

# Making Meaning

## The purpose of this instructional approach is to:

- Facilitate text comprehension through a 3 day interactive close read using a read-aloud text
- Encourage students to think deeply about complex text using discussion questions representing different levels of rigor
  - Give multiple opportunities for students to respond to, and interact with the text



