



PLAYLearnThink
CHALLENGE your PERSPECTIVE!

Einladung für Eltern, ErzieherInnen und Interessierte...

"Children as Scientists"

Workshop

20. Juni 2013

Ort: Kindergarten Die Rübe Oedeme (Im Dorf 12)

Beginn: 19.30 Uhr

Dauer: ca. 2,5 Stunden

Eintritt gegen Spende

Science: To many it is intimidating. Yet how we interact with our environment is based on curiosity, inquiry and experimentation, all of which are the basis of science. Scientific inquiry is how we build knowledge and gain lifelong skills.

"**Children as Scientists**" is a workshop aimed primarily at early childhood educators. However, it is also suitable for any audience which is involved in the education of young children such as

parents, teachers, community recreation leaders, etc.

The workshop is delivered in 3 parts: an interactive presentation, demonstrations and finally a Q & A/discussion. The interactive presentation links children's play to the scientific process and the building of knowledge. It covers how children learn and what we need to do to encourage them to become life-long learners. It is adaptable to a variety of audiences.

Part 2 showcases a series of science demonstrations/activities that can be done with children. The purpose of this section is to instill confidence in participants and show them that science, and thus learning, is fun. It also serves to excite participants who will then pass along their excitement to the children.

The workshop ends in a discussion. Questions will be answered and participants will be guided through the development of ideas on how to incorporate what they have learned into their workplace or lives at home.

Zur Person:

Pierre grew up in the vast forest wonderland of Northern Ontario, Canada. He enjoyed a playful childhood filled with bumps and scrapes, wonder and adventure, and eventually earned a B.Sc. in Biochemistry, a M.Sc. in Protein Chemistry and a B.Ed. with qualifications to teach at the Junior, Intermediate, and Senior levels in Ontario.

Pierre has been involved in non-formal and informal science education since 1985 and has worked at various education centres in the province of Ontario as well as in Europe and the USA. In 2001, Pierre started PLAYLearnThink, a social enterprise dedicated to fostering creativity, nurturing imagination, promoting science literacy and encouraging life-long learning through educational play and science communication.

Pierre has spoken on the topic of play and learning for various audiences, most recently at the 40. Internationaler SpielMobil Kongress in Dresden, Germany (September 2012) and at the Aufbruch_13 Festival der pädagogischen Arbeit für Kinderfreunde in Salzburg, Austria (April 12-14, 2013). He was also invited to deliver an educator workshop in Munich, Germany (July 2, 2013).

Pierre is the current chair of the Canadian branch of the International Play Association. He lives in an off-grid, straw bale house in Northern Ontario with his partner Susanne and their 3 year old son Tom, from whom he learns much.

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