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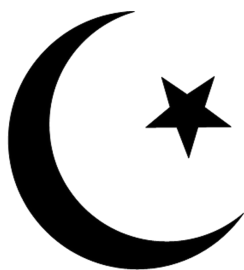
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Did you know?

In Rwandan culture it is gravely
rude to refuse food, and people
typically do not eat in public.



Halal “permissible” and Haram
“forbidden,” are Arabic words that
you might hear Muslim students use.
The Quran guides Muslims in belief
practices and includes rules on what
can be eaten. Meat must be halal and
pork is strictly forbidden. Gelatin
contains pork by-products and
should be avoided.

In the ELL classroom



For many, skating on ice is a first-time experience that Lethbridge teachers enjoy sharing with their students.

Instructional tips and tricks

USE VISUALS: Students coming from a traumatic past need to know what is coming next. Teachers can support all learners by putting up a visual schedule for the day.



MODEL CORRECT SENTENCE

STRUCTURE (Intermediate):

Take a page from Kelly Gallagher's *Write Like This* and avoid giving students error correction sentences. Instead, give them stellar sentence models demonstrating a particular skill. Gallagher states, "Students have seen way too many examples of incorrect writing in their lives, so I try to avoid reinforcing the errors....Instead of giving my students sentences that are incorrect and asking them to fix them, I give them correct sentences and ask them to explain what makes them correct."

ALB WRITING SAMPLES LINK:

Struggling to benchmark student writing?

Have a look at exemplars on the Alberta Language Benchmark website:

http://www.learnalberta.ca/content/eslapb/writing_samples.html.

Student profile: Rozeen Muslem



Rozeen Muslem currently attends Wilson Middle School.

Rozeen Muslem is a Grade 8 student from Syria.

She attends Wilson Middle School in the Limited Formal Schooling classroom.

She speaks three languages: Arabic, Kurdish and English, and she's lived in Lethbridge for about two years.

When asked to describe her class Rozeen says "This class makes me happy, and I feel sometimes that this class is my family."

She likes school because "nothing is hard you can learn anything."

Skating and Karate have become her new favourite things to do, as she never had the chance to try them before moving to Lethbridge.

Rozeen is nervous to start high school because she will miss having some of her friends in her class.

Mr. Andreachuk is happy to have such a bright, caring and happy student in his class.

RESOURCES

1. Snap Words are levelled dolch words that have visuals. The entire set is available in the CRC and includes activities to support learning.

2. Wordless Books allow students to create their own stories. Research suggests that ELLs progress faster when their own language can be used alongside English. Have your new students to Canada write a story in their own language and have them translate it into English. A set of wordless books are available in the CRC.

