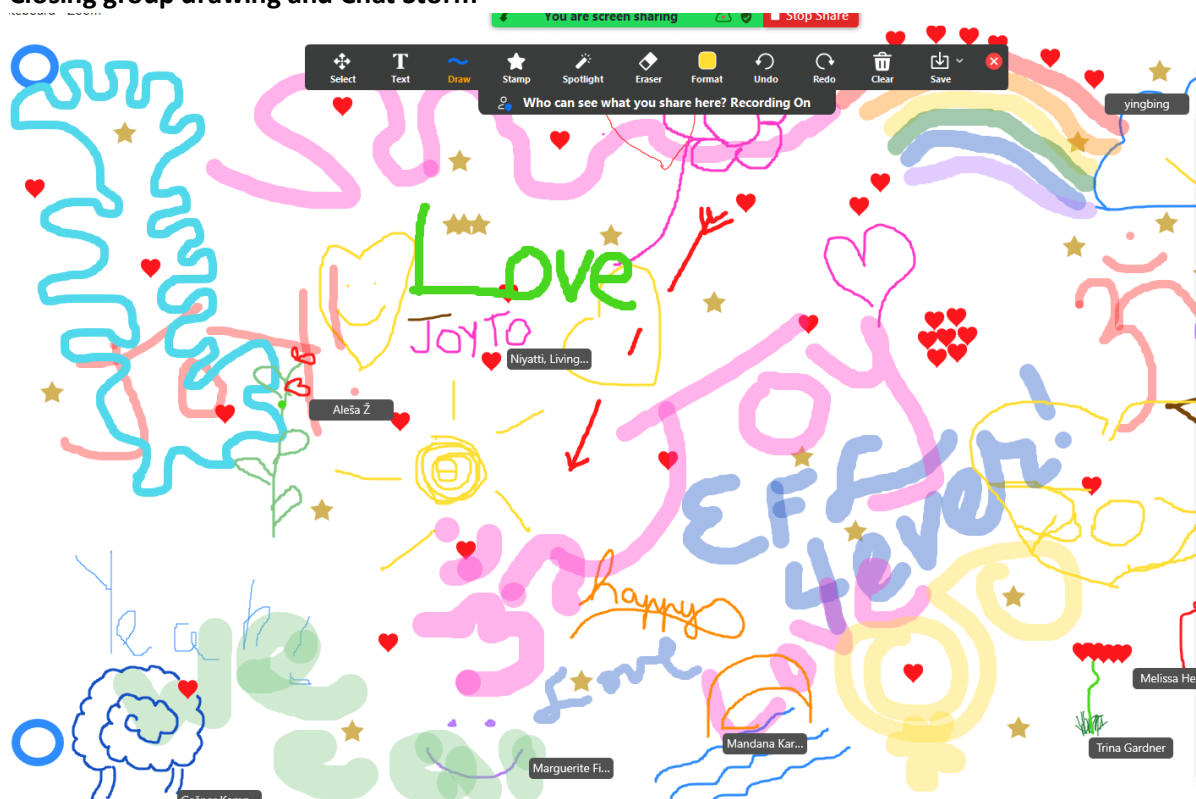


Closing group drawing and Chat Storm



QUESTION #1: What was it that inspired or fascinated you at this conference. (Just to have it on the chat)

19:16:04 From Kathy Rodrigue to Everyone:

so many wonderful, uplifting and creative ideas.

19:17:11 From Narani to Everyone:

The dedication, creativity, and inspiration of everyone involved in Education for Life, no matter what the aspect of the work that they are involved in, or the country that they are from.

19:17:19 From Ganesha John Kieran to Everyone:

I think most of all I liked seeing all the people who came from all over the world. Some of the ideas were helpful, too.

19:17:22 From Melissa Heart to Everyone:

All the clarity coming through in developing curriculum.

19:17:25 From Seema Joshi to Everyone:

Learning, community connection, sharing, being together,

19:17:28 From Ashtara Osnat Levin to Everyone:

Actually I didn't even look at the topics until I had to go into one - I was just going off from previous experiences of EFL conferences always filling me with inspiration, helping me to attune myself more to the work and teaching me something new that I can practice in my own classes. It's also inspiring, fun and energizing to meet everyone and connect.

19:17:38 From Gašper Kemperle to Everyone:

Inspired: Kabir's enthusiasm especially, Helens great ideas about bringing and keeping new families, the amount of people joining the conference, how well it was organized, ...

19:17:38 From Vasko Krapež to Everyone:

I got so inspired by the ongoing project Kshama is working on. It's about mastery learning and different approach to personalize the report cards. I am joining the project.

19:17:38 From Gary to Everyone:

The emphasis everyone places on the heart and the individual as it applies to educating children.

19:17:38 From Cora to Everyone:

Caring, love, dedication, openness, sharing inspiration, feeling the connection

19:17:38 From Erin Vinacco to Everyone:

EFL ENERGY! The receptivity and enthusiasm of others and the fresh perspective and ideas especially related to sharing with parents

19:17:38 From Kshama Kellogg to Everyone:

I appreciated the enthusiasm of every participant and EFL teacher who attended. The quality and depth of the workshops was enriching and applicable to the work we are all doing. I loved connecting with the stages of maturity groups in the final session.

19:17:38 From Marguerite Fishman to Everyone:

What inspired me: listening to like-minded, caring and experienced teachers from around the world. Hearing their questions, perspectives and special areas of expertise helps me gain a large view of the EFL work going on, person to person. After a year of teaching on zoom, essentially alone, I loved the wisdom and support we all shared.

19:17:38 From Bhakti to Everyone:

Every time we are more conected. So powerful. :)

19:17:38 From Irene- EFL to Everyone:

Having so many people together who have so many different areas of expertise always inspires me. Seeing all my good friends again. Meeting new people. Knowing that I will be able to watch Tina's

presentation finally. Wonderful centering sessions. Knowing that people are connecting from all over the world.

19:17:38 From Tandava to Everyone:

I like seeing the breadth and depth of EFL experience around the world and remembering that it's available for me, as a new teacher, to tap into and be a part of.

19:17:38 From Trina Gardner to Everyone:

We are all over the world as individuals doing our best, developing ways to teach, interact and connect with our students and teachers. Even though we are separated by distance, we are all of the same mind set and working as a team - as one energetically with the same foundations and goals. <3

19:17:38 From Tina Rutar Leban to Everyone:

energy, love and devotion of teachers; development of the conference in the last years; the easy format of finding links to connect on Zoom; the love and connection I always feel at the end of our conferences;

19:17:38 From Joy Horsfall to Everyone:

I always love the connection with other teachers - of all ages, from all countries - and the love we all share for our kids and families... I came in late to this so I'm not sure if I'm doing this right :) but I'll keep typing... I am thankful for Swami and EFL, that we can bring such light to the world in this way! I love hearing all the different ways we teach - we are all unique!

19:17:38 From Gloria to Everyone:

Learning new tips, ideas and connecting with others. Also seeing how EFL is helping to shift the energy regarding education. There is a feeling of great hope for the future.

19:17:38 From Bharati to Everyone:

Whoa! So many things! I loved having the opportunity to explore the EFL Library (with guidance). The sessions sharing highlights from the other sessions was helpful

19:17:38 From Nitai to Everyone:

The chance to gather everyone together to renew our focus on different aspects of EFL

19:17:39 From Sangeeta Laishram to Everyone:

The idea of mastery in learning shared by Kshama is awesome and very practical. Cannot wait to use it in a slightly altered version. Also all the terrific ideas about assessment. Actually, everything was great!

19:17:39 From yingbing to Everyone:

Being together, and seeing high ideals shared

19:17:42 From Education for Life - India to Everyone:

A growing feeling of care and connection to the whole group — a real sense of what a wonderful and inspiring group to be part of.

19:17:42 From Rachel to Everyone:

I enjoyed the flexibility and all of the options. As always, I loved connecting with everyone from around the world and learning about how everyone is working with EFL in their schools/programs. Online teaching tips from Seema and Prisha were particularly helpful and learning that students remember how much their teachers care is what sticks with them more than anything else.

19:17:42 From Leti Trejo to Everyone:

I found Nitai and Irene's presentation inspiring. I realized there are a lot of tools at my fingertips that I am not using, but could be found in the EFL library. It also motivated me to think about how I can assess my students throughout the year aside from the regular reports we have in fall and spring. The Tools of Maturity Checklist is also a great way for each child, teacher, and parent to understand the child better.

19:18:50 From Aryavan to Everyone:

I was inspired by the many expressions of EFL, each brilliant and unique, but with the same underlying desire to work with a child's energy. I particularly enjoyed learning more about individualized approaches to each tool during the body years.

QUESTION #2: What did you learn or realize that you will actually put into practice?

19:21:20 From Melissa Heart to Everyone:

using the EFL tools that were presented today and Joy's bunny song;)

19:22:09 From yingbing to Everyone:

1. one can appeal to common grounds, same yearning..... when share EFL with others

19:22:25 From Gašper Kemperle to Everyone:

upgrade our website with inspiring video, quotes from our parents, maybe introduce referral system and How did you learn about our school in application process

19:22:25 From Gary to Everyone:

In the Tools of Maturity chart the specific subject of the questions convey the message of what is important/valued by the school. This sends a powerful message to the student and parent.

19:22:25 From Tina Rutar Leban to Everyone:

a lot of great ideas Erin gave about connecting with parents; also great ideas about working with special needs children;

19:22:25 From Erin Vinacco to Everyone:

Following up with school directors (and teachers) to establish connection with Conscious Families to share with parents

19:22:25 From Joy Horsfall to Everyone:

I am inspired to do better with showing parents the specific ways their preschooler is learning by “playing” and to connect more with other EFL teachers on a consistent basis!

19:22:25 From Kshama Kellogg to Everyone:

I appreciated hearing how people articulate messages of growth mindset, how to help students and families become more embracing of the process of learning, which includes recognition of our current abilities and understandings as well as what we are aspiring towards. There is so much wisdom in how we communicate through the principles of EFL.

19:22:25 From Trina Gardner to Everyone:

Put more attention on light energy of students. Give them more opportunities to develop and "shine."

19:22:26 From Bharati to Everyone:

Inspiration from everyone, which will help me find my next step in relation to EFL. Also will be making use of the Library.

19:22:26 From Tandava to Everyone:

Something to put into practice for the Will Years: Specifically thinking about optional “challenge” options for assignments, above and beyond the base instructions. Also, figuring out alternate ways kids can complete assignments (writing vs. art vs. speaking, etc.).

19:22:26 From Zenia to Everyone:

Giving challenges to the will years, creative idea to make them interested in learning, mixed ages for family programs.

19:22:26 From Gloria to Everyone:

I love the message from Prisha about online learning: “Teacher’s hearts can travel” This is so important for the students to know that the teacher cares about them.

19:22:26 From Education for Life - India to Everyone:

Quite a few of the things discussed in the Will Years group. There was so much wisdom being tossed around that right now I can’t think of any one particular thing.

19:22:26 From Bhakti to Everyone:

Many ideas how to work with new families.

19:22:26 From Aleša Ž to Everyone:

that I need to teach online with optimism...well I have some new ideas now :)

19:22:26 From Marguerite Fishman to Everyone:

A reminder to notice the energy of the “group” and respond accordingly BEFORE kids get overwhelmed, when possible. This is in regard to physical movement classes that can energetically overwhelm some children.

19:22:26 From Sangeeta Laishram to Everyone:

The mastery learning ideas, all the EFL tools that I have not been using as regularly as I should,

19:22:26 From Irene- EFL to Everyone:

I learned that it is fun to invite others to try out their ideas (like this chat storm). I learned that starting these session with dance for 3 year old songs is fun

19:22:28 From Ashtara Osnat Levin to Everyone:

Working with parents and the students on mistakes being a part of the learning process, not a

19:22:29 From Vasko Krapež to Everyone:

A mastery approach to learning. I will give more frequent feedback to kids about their personal development.

19:22:30 From Leti Trejo to Everyone:

Having my students move their bodies more as I transition from 1st/2nd grade to TK/K. More play-based learning.

19:22:34 From Rachel to Everyone:

Seema’s exercises to rest our eyes during online classes. Remembering that how much we care about students is what sticks with them most—especially in challenging times. Seeing if there’s a way to include virtual tours of places like museums or zoos or some other locations...

19:22:38 From Kathy Rodrigue to Everyone:

I will encourage students to try new things through lesson plans and new experiences so they can see the benefit and play the warm up game ."what if..."

19:22:53 From Aryavan to Everyone:

The idea that preschoolers learn primarily through play will be something that I will be driving home in my interactions with parents and teachers. And encouraging parents to do the same practices at home that we do in school to create a continuum.

19:23:13 From Seema Joshi to Everyone:

I loved the ideas shared at the early feeling years session and lot of creative ideas shared

19:23:33 From Niyatti, Living Wisdom School, Pune to Everyone:

simplicity in the ideas and inspiration.... how can I make things simpler, clearer and fun for children

QUESTION #3: What are you thankful and appreciative for (in this conference or in life)?

19:25:17 From Seema Joshi to Everyone:

I appreciate the opportunity to be at the conference in the first place in addition to having an opportunity to learn from all the EFL practitioners.

19:25:31 From matthew to Everyone:

I'm thankful for all of you, and for the opportunity to come together in this way; sharing ideas, inspiration about EFL. Thank you all.

19:25:56 From Ganesha John Kieran to Everyone:

I'm thankful for having the opportunity to be a teacher. I like seeing that my long life has given me empathy, and experience to share with students.

19:25:58 From Craig LWS to Everyone:

Supportive Friends from my Spiritual Family. Perfect companions for the epic adventure of passing knowledge to future generations.

19:25:58 From Gary to Everyone:

The organization behind the scenes of this conference - kudos to Irene and staff. The dedication of all the participants. I am grateful for Yogananda making education a part of his mission and to Swami for writing the book and guiding the early years of the work. I am grateful for all the talented people who are helping Education for Life move forward.

19:25:59 From Gašper Kemperle to Everyone:

I'm appreciative that we successfully concluded the school year, that we found the new premises and the move happened quickly and effectively, that my health is serving me, that parents in Novo mesto are connecting, that we are doing well financially, I appreciate our wonderful team of teachers, I am thankful and grateful for this conference experience

19:25:59 From Gaurja Prashar to Everyone:

Exploring open-heartedness, what keeps the students hearts open throughout our time together, and minds focused in a positive direction...I am thankful for this new tool that I can think of developing. Thankful for you all too.

19:25:59 From Tina Rutar Leban to Everyone:

love, connection with all EFL teachers, the support I always feel when we share our work; the support of the Universe, God and Gurus I feel more intensely when we are all together! Love you all!!! Thank you!!!!

19:25:59 From Erin Vinacco to Everyone:

The presence and dedication of each and every one of YOU! I am so grateful and inspired by the heart and soul that each of you puts into what you do, wherever you are and the light you are shining, channeling, spreading in the world in big and small ways. I see you! I appreciate you! So grateful for this EFL family <3

19:25:59 From Rachel to Everyone:

I'm grateful to be part of this EFL community and to be part of such great ever-evolving work that's happening in physical classrooms and online all over the world! I'm grateful for our connection and commitment to raising consciousness together

19:25:59 From Joy Horsfall to Everyone:

I am thankful for other like minded souls in the world of education and for this spiritual path!! And seeing the love and big hearts of everyone involved :) Thank you all!

19:25:59 From Vasko Krapež to Everyone:

Freedom of choice. Also, that I can choose a field on where I want to contribute to the world.

19:25:59 From Nitai to Everyone:

So many dedicated EFL teachers. There is definitely hope for the future!

19:25:59 From Aryavan to Everyone:

That there are so many people deeply invested in using and sharing a higher consciousness approach to education, and living.

19:25:59 From Irene- EFL to Everyone:

A way to serve that continuously expands and inspires me.

19:25:59 From Narani to Everyone:

I am deeply appreciative of the inspiration behind EFL as it was given to us by Master, Swamiji, Nitai, and all of those who are working to bring it more and more into the world of education and to our children and families.

19:25:59 From Cora to Everyone:

friends that are amazing examples and guides, love, wisdom and courage of the EFL community, the divine grace of this adventure together

19:25:59 From Trina Gardner to Everyone:

I am so grateful to the open hearts and minds of our EFL family and being a part of it all. I am grateful to the continual development and growth of EFL around the world, reaching the hearts and minds of souls, elevating consciousness.

19:25:59 From Marguerite Fishman to Everyone:

The ongoing opportunity to teach, be with students and faculty in an EFL school. Teaching keeps me on my toes on many levels and is always new, fresh and demanding of all the qualities I yearn to foster in myself and to cultivate in the classroom.

19:25:59 From Tandava to Everyone:

A supportive community of teachers. Kids who have grown up through the EFL system and know how to help maintain good energy in the classroom. The opportunity to teach at a better school than the ones I went to!

19:25:59 From Bharati to Everyone:

I'm so grateful to be in association with so many high-minded souls working toward a common goal. I love the quarterly short retreats, too, to help keep my energy elevated.

19:26:00 From Mandana Karma to Everyone:

Being part of this community.

19:26:01 From Gloria to Everyone:

I am appreciative for all the daily blessings that I receive in my life. Also, I am very appreciative for all the "Teachers" all over the world.

19:26:02 From Helen Purcell to Everyone:

I love having work that is so meaningful on all levels and that incorporates every aspect of spirituality, spoken or unspoken, that influences every significant component of education.

19:26:02 From Education for Life - India to Everyone:

Being a teacher and having the opportunity of sharing that calling with others who clearly feel the same — the joy of teaching and probably an accompanying feeling of still being a child because all of us seem to be equally excited about discovering and practicing new things. I wish we had another day or two to stay together and let this beautiful experience expand.

19:26:02 From Melissa Heart to Everyone:

being part of the EFL family and having the experience of teaching at a Living Wisdom School.

19:26:03 From Bhakti to Everyone:

To work with amazing people at our school. To know so many amazing people, their ideas, experiences all over the world. To be part of the EFL project on this planet. happy

19:26:03 From Ashtara Osnat Levin to Everyone:

The love and care I feel from this community, both personally to me and for the students, parents and colleagues that you all come across in your service

19:26:05 From yingbing to Everyone:

all the enthusiasm, efforts, ideals, ideas that put into this work, and all the supports and friendship

19:26:05 From Aleša Ž to Everyone:

I am grateful to be more and more strongly connected with nature and myself, I am also grateful to be a part of this community

19:26:06 From Zenia to Everyone:

Loved the conference, so well planned. So many creative ideas & love to help kids is wonderful. Meeting all was very nice too

19:26:06 From Kshama Kellogg to Everyone:

I am thankful for the mentors, colleagues, and friends around the world who are all doing this work! I love that, now that we have had several of these global interactive conferences, I am beginning to feel a friendship with people I have never met in person, but who come together in this way. I am grateful for the community in which I live. I am thankful for the transformation I see in so many of the students we work with. I am thankful for moments of pause and opportunities to renew and refresh. I am thankful for life. I am thankful for the sometimes messy process of learning and growing!

19:26:06 From Leti Trejo to Everyone:

I am thankful for the energy the coordinators put in to running this conference for us, the Google docs, library, and flow of the website with the Zoom links. The thought given to what topics to have along with the speakers selected. Personally, I am thankful for everything I have (good health, ease of living, supportive family), my spiritual path and spiritual family.

19:26:22 From Sangeeta Laishram to Everyone:

So many things...! I am really grateful for all the time and thought that has went in behind this conference, the energy and the sharings that really are so inspiring. I am also really thankful for all and everything that has made me who I am and brought me where I am today...! So grateful for everything...

19:27:18 From Seema Joshi to Everyone:

Best idea to get feedback on the spot. Congratulations!

19:28:38 From Niyatti, Living Wisdom School, Pune to Everyone:

I am thankful to be a part of this conference and witness the passion of each one of you for children and Education For Life and that's sooooo contagious!!!! Thank you all

19:28:44 From Gloria to Everyone:

Another idea is to include another question about anything that can be improved about the conference

19:32:11 From Gašper Kemperle to Everyone:

recording has stopped