

WLS Deepenings: Literacy, November 2023

Breakout Groups: How does your own literacy learning experience align with the “iceberg”?

Olga’s group:

- Rote memorization
- Don’t remember how learned to read
- Family culture
- Television music and movement

Mary’s Group:

- Parent loving adult reading aloud or telling story
- Pretend play
- Music
- Gibberish
- Speaking another language

Debbie’s Group:

- Not remember how learned to read
- Rich language at home
- Play
- Dick and Jane books/Ladybug books
- Vivid memories grandparents’ reading aloud
- 80’s whole language
- Reading groups

Noelle’s group

- Family storytelling reading singing
- Older siblings
- Learning English
- Reading aloud at night
- Don’t remember how we learned to read
- Trauma, dyslexia

Sara’s Group

- Not remembering learning to read
- learning from song
- wanting to draw being discouraged, less confident
- siblings struggle
- being read to

Julianna’s group

- not recalling how learned to read
- rote learning, empty, boring, robotic
- TV
- Family life
- Fairy Tales

Cristina’s takeaways:

1. Beware Identifying literacy with only reading- Reading is the tip of the iceberg
2. Family and home key
3. Play and arts
4. Story and song
5. Being read aloud to
6. Not remembering how learned to read, maybe it didn’t happen in school!
7. What about writing, speaking, listening? School memories there?

My question:

1. How did and do you *feel* about literacy in yourself?