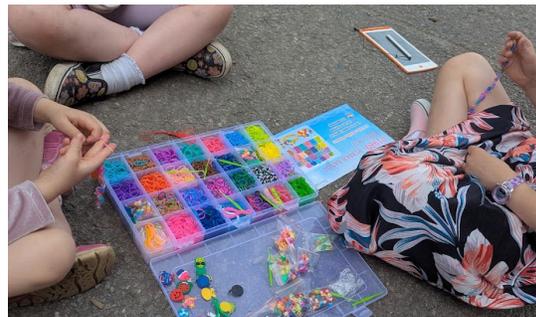


# INCLUSION STRATEGIES & TOOLS

# CLUBS



**Clubs provide school age children an opportunity to learn about topics of interest in a fun and in-depth way.**

Clubs are regularly scheduled activities that:

- foster positive connections based on similar interests;
- develop children's creativity, exploration and engagement;
- promote independence, cooperation and inclusion;
- support children's self-esteem, sense of belonging/community.

**HOW TO:**

- Ask each of the children for club ideas (i.e., nature, sports, crafts, books, etc.).
- Determine who wants to participate. Make a sign-up sheet.
- Determine types of clubs and club objectives.
- Plan the schedule. When and where will the clubs be held?
- Plan for activities. What will each club need? Who will gather materials?
- Determine if clubs will be child-led, adult-led or facilitated.

**TIPS:**

- Consider having some a.m. clubs and p.m. clubs.
- Consider having mixed age groups if possible.
- Consider skills and talents of children, parents and educators.
- Be flexible with children's participation.