

# Remarkable Play

**Heather Shumaker** was suggested to us by Lisa Murphy (Ooey Goey Lady), Jeff A. Johnson and Dan Hodgins.

## Why it's OK (and even Good) for Kids not to Share

An introduction to the counterintuitive world of "Renegade Parenting". Get ready to examine age-old parenting conventions and turn them upside down. We'll look at new ways to approach sharing, saying 'sorry', coping with angry children, rough play, toy weapons and other topics. Be prepared to change your mind.

## Welcoming what Scares Us

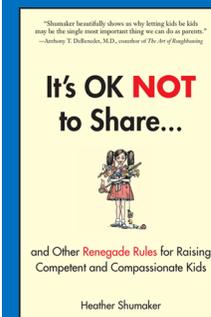
When it comes to raising kids, it's always Safety First. Or is it? Childhood is also a time of risk. Learn the four key areas of risk children need to experience (physical, creative, social and emotional), and how well-meaning adults often undermine it. We'll look at social rejection, conflict, unstructured play and ways to offer healthy risk to our children.

## Getting Comfortable with True Play

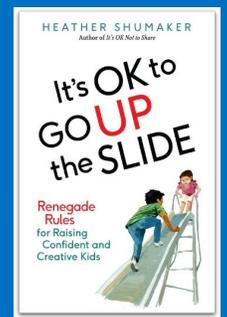
Play-yes! It's great. But how do we make changes and truly welcome children's play ideas into the classroom? We'll look at classroom schedules, environments and adult expectations. We'll see what belongs there and what we can change to make room for more meaningful forms of play and learning.



Heather Shumaker is the author of *It's OK Not to Share* and *It's OK to Go Up the Slide*, both published by Tarcher/Penguin. She's a speaker, blogger, podcaster and advocate for free play and no homework for young children. She's been featured on National Public Radio "All Things Considered," Fox & Friends TV, Huffington Post, New York Post, Parenting, Parents.com, USA Weekend, Wisconsin Public Radio and other media. Heather is a graduate of Swarthmore College (BA) and University of Wisconsin-Madison (MS) and the mother of two children. She lives in northern Michigan.



Both of Heather's books will be available to purchase at the session. Heather is willing to sign the books as well.



## What audiences are saying:

"One of the best keynotes I recall us hosting. She reaffirms your belief in the power of play and sends you back to work Monday morning armed with fresh ideas to put into practice." - Michelle Lewis-Barnes, Provider Resource Organization conference, Portland, OR

"Heather stood out as a major highlight of the event. Her sessions were packed and people lined up to talk to her afterwards. It was like rock star status. Even months after the event people are still talking about her!" - Sandra Fischer, Unplug & Play conference, San Jose

"She's magical. Intelligent, absorbing, inspiring and full of heart." - Susan Odgers, professor, Grand Valley State University.

"Just three days after your visit, and what changes we've seen in the kids. It really is remarkable. 'Oh, so this is what Heather was talking about with uninterrupted play!'" - Danielle Cassetta, Director, Acorn Glen Cooperative Preschool

**Best Western-Truro Glengarry**

**150 Willow Street, Truro, NS**

**Saturday, November 3rd, 2018**

**9:00am-4:00pm Registration 8:30am 6 PD hours**

**\$115.00 (tax included)-lunch provided**

Preregistration is required-submit your ECDSC registration form along with payment by October 19th.

## Accommodations

If you require overnight accommodations, we have a block of rooms at the Best Western-Truro Glengarry. For a discounted room rate (\$115.99-tax included) call (902) 893-4311 and ask for the block of rooms for the NSCC event. Please book by October 2nd as the block of rooms will be released one month prior to our event.