

**Kindergarten Matters:
Re-imagining Literacy and Mathematics Throughout the Day
Re-imagining Engagement**

[Music]

[Text on screen]: Re-imagining Engagement

[educators sit around a table]

EDUCATOR 1: It's very interesting, because we had that great discussion about participation and engagement, and how we look at participation as being always the verbal participation, the students who are ready to answer very quickly, and then we started to think about those deep thinkers, and we had that conversation because we had a PLC, and we were talking about, you know, getting back to really watching...

[Text on screen]: thinking about the role of the educator

EDUCATOR 1: to see what, who and, was engaged, and how they were engaged, and so one time I came into the, the room and I always asked questions and get everybody riled up, and this time I just came in, and I sat. And this little guy came over to me and started to talk, very, very quietly. Very, very quietly at the beginning. So we had this very whispering type of conversation. The next time I came in, he came over and we had a conversation with voice level, but then he wanted to show me, that's when I was learning so much more about participation and engagement, and it came down to really just being quiet and listening. And the environment allowed for that happen, and what I love about the environment as being the third teacher is that it also makes each, every one of you, think about your environment, so you're always coming to me with ideas. So I get this, oh, if I give them money, I'm in big trouble, because [laughter] I always get this, oh, you should see what I want to order. And I go, okay. You should see what, can we order this, and then I go, okay, and I just know, just by their excitement in, in your voices and everything that you have that it's going to be amazing. Because you already know and, and have an idea that if you put this into the classroom, it's going to engage the students, it's going to be cooperative learning, you're going to have all of that, and so I just wait until I get invited down and, and see what is happening.