

Kiskinwahamātowikamihk

A Cree (TH Dialect) Little Learner Book



Welcome to the Little Learner Book Series!

These books are designed to help learners become familiar with words in Heritage Michif, Northern Michif, Michif French, Cree (TH and N dialects), and Dene (Dënesųłiné).

To learn more about each language and find the language best suited to you, please visit the Métis Gathering website.

These books are suitable for learners of all ages, with a primary audience of kindergarten to Grade 4. Each word or phrase is followed by the English translation.

Some books will include phonetic spelling. Please note that phonetic spellings are subjective and may vary among speakers.

Need help with pronunciation?

Visit the Métis Gathering website and follow along with the read-aloud available under the Little Learner Books tab.

There are 10 books in the Little Learner series, each offered in six languages. Collect them all!

We hope you enjoy learning the languages spoken by Métis people, one phrase at a time. Maarsii!

This is Jake



**Jake is starting
school soon.
He is nervous.**



Jake asks his big sister Nellie

**What do you do
at school?**



**Nellie tells Jake
all about school.**



**At school we
speak Cree!**



Nimīṭawākānān mīṭawākana.

We play with toys.



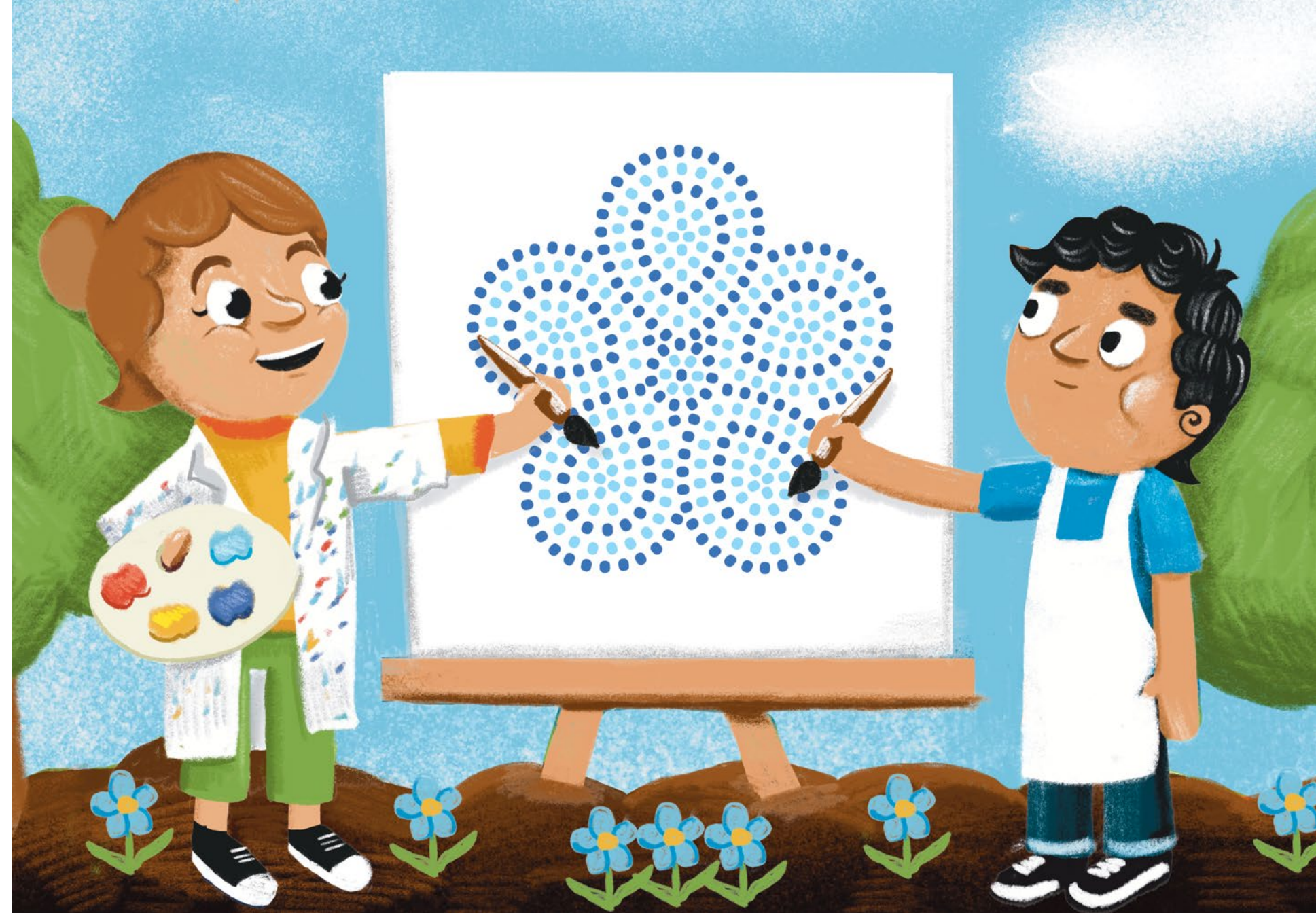
**Nimithwasinahīnān
masinipīsinowina.**

We colour pictures.



Ninähtä-tāpasinahikānān.

We are artists.



**Nimāmawi
ayamīcīgānān.**

We read together.



**Nimasinahīān
ācimowinisa.**

We write stories.



Māmawi- kiskinwahamākawinān.

We learn new things together.



Nimāmawi itōtīnān kīkway.

We move together.



Nikiskinwahamākīminān niwīcihikonān ikwanisākihikonān.

Our teacher helps us and loves us.



**Kiskinwahamātowikamikohk
tāpiskōc niwahkōmitonān.**

At school our class is a family.



**Wow, says Jake.
School sounds fun!**



**Nellie asks,
do you feel better?**



**Yes, says Jake.
Thank you Nellie.
I want to go to
school too!**



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Kischi Maarsii! (Thank you very much!)



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