

Important Update:
New Model for Access to SoundPrints Resources

Welcome back, SoundPrints community. I hope that your summer was restful, and that your return proceeds as smoothly as our September juggling act permits!

The new year brings changes to SoundPrints distribution. Rest assured, however, that SoundPrints materials have not disappeared. My goal is to ensure continued access to all core resources, and to build upon these and other Teaching with Purpose (TwP) resources over the 2023-24 year.

As always, SoundPrints materials remain non-profit—a service to trained teachers in Quebec’s public schools. However, given the closure of our excellent supplier of many years, Copie Réseau, and discontinuation of subsidies for production/delivery of materials, continuing to produce and ship these is no longer feasible. After much reflection (and a bit of nail biting re quality assurance :), I’ve settled upon a new digital “self-serve” model—to be launched in September.

All printable (B/W PDF) resources will be directly accessible to trained teachers on a password-protected page of Shapes of Mind (shapsofmind.org). While this change presents some challenges, it will also provide more flexibility, permitting you to select/print the resources that best suit the needs of your students at a given time. The few large, full-colour resources (notably, the SP wall chart, accessories, and desk-toppers) will be professionally printed and available for purchase (at cost of production) as soon as possible.

I will post updates on Shapes of Mind, and provide these to your Board’s SP contacts as digital resources become available. As noted above, I will do my best to complete the reformatting and posting by early September—quite an undertaking! I thank you for your patience and, as always, your dedication to your students’ literacy development.

Each participating Board has developed its own model for SoundPrints support; your Board’s SP contact person will touch base within the coming weeks to register trained teachers who would like to have access to the digital resources.

Note that all SP-trained teachers will also have access to the broader Grade 1 Teaching with Purpose (TwP) Reading Foundations resources shared last year.

With appreciation,

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