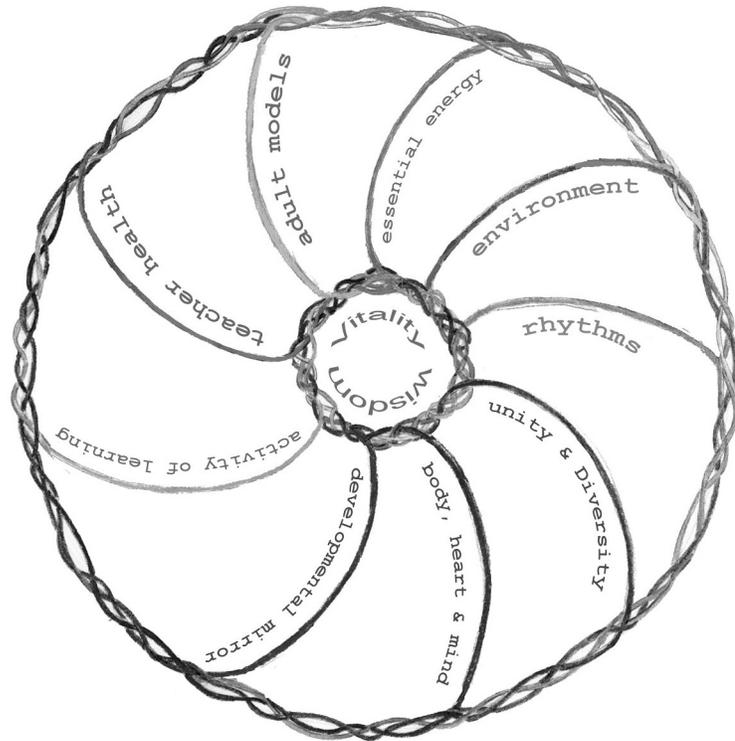


## In Enki we have identified nine core threads:

- the integration of body, speech/heart, and mind;
- the activity of learning;
- mirroring child development ;
- rhythms;
- environment;
- essential energy;
- unity and diversity;
- adult models; and
- teacher health.



Keeping our focus on this web is what makes Enki, Enki, and keeps it flexible and alive – and not prisoner to any particular material or method. It is this focus that supports our staying aligned with our human ecosystem of living and learning.

An overview of each of the warp threads will be given in the following pages; each will also be discussed in depth in its own chapter. However, before we look into the nature of the actual threads, it is important to look at the purpose of the whole ecosystem. Every ecosystem sustains a certain kind of life. In the forest, the ecosystem sustains the plant and animal life within it. At sea, the ecosystem sustains the sea creatures and plants within it. This is no less true for the ecosystem of education. Each educational ecosystem sustains a particular worldview, or belief system – this is true in ALL educational approaches, whether the ecosystem is consciously worked with or not. For example, all aspects of an arts school sustain a belief that creativity is the all important human capacity. A parochial school sustains the belief that the religious path is the all important truth., Western public education, that the individual and his accomplishments are all important. Ultimately, **no matter who you are, whatever you teach the children and how you do that brings them a belief system;** it is the water they drink, the air they breathe. The only question is whether or not you are bringing them what you *want* to bring them.