

Day One

Keynote • 8:30 - 9:05 am

“Celebrate Every Kindergartner, Every Day!” – Sue Brady

Kindergarten plays a remarkable role in a child’s life. In the face of increased expectations, Kindergarten children are often pushed to do more and grow up faster than ever before. Join Sue as she shares humorous and motivational stories, and ways you can encourage your Kindergarten children to discover and celebrate the joys and wonders of their childhood!

MORNING SESSIONS • 9:15 - 11:50 am

Choose **ONE** Full Morning Session OR **TWO** 70-Minute Sessions
One mid-morning break

Full Morning Session • 9:15 – 11:50 am

A-1: The Best of the Best in Kindergarten – Sue Brady



Discover Sue’s most successful activities that are “must-dos” every year with her kindergartners. Promote learning in fun and motivating ways. From developmentally appropriate mini-units to a touching good-bye book and a thank you party for volunteers, you will leave with engaging ideas that you can easily implement or adapt to your own kindergarten classroom.

70–Minute Sessions • 9:15 – 10:25 am

CHOOSE ONE: A-2 or A-3

A-2: Simply the Best Tips and Tricks for a Successful Kindergarten Year! – Sue Holt

Learn exciting techniques for helping your kindergarten classroom run as smoothly as possible. Discover timesaving tips and curricular ideas to enhance your students’ learning. Learn novel ways to build relationships with families and establish powerful classroom routines that will maximize the success of your kindergarten students and program!

A-3: Even Scientists Read and Write! Integrating Literacy into STEM

– Linda Klotz



How can I fit it all in?

Integration! Let’s explore great ways to integrate kindergarten literacy skills your students need most into your STEM activities. Come and discover fun, highly engaging ways to immerse your kindergarten students in once-a-week STEM activities that help to bridge their literacy skills and help you to have the time to “fit it all in!”

70–Minute Sessions • 10:40 – 11:50 am

CHOOSE ONE: A-4 or A-5

A-4: Learn Through Powerful Play the Kindergarten Way – Sue Holt



Boost students’ vocabulary, reading, writing, science, and math skills using developmentally appropriate play-based centers while meeting and exceeding kindergarten standards. Your students will blossom socially and academically in these easy-to-implement learning centers that challenge and support all ability levels. Discover easy ways to assess and document play-based learning.

A-5: Making Math Make Sense for Your Kindergarten Students – Linda Klotz



Help your students develop a love for math while deepening their understanding of key math concepts. Learn quick, easy-to-implement, effective ways to help your kindergartners strengthen the mathematical skills they need most. You’ll leave with a wide variety of innovative, developmentally appropriate math activities that you can use right away!

Lunch break on your own • 11:50 am – 1:05 pm (A great time to network with colleagues!)



“An outstanding conference!
I am totally re-energized
and loaded with
new ideas.”

– Daniele Covotsos,
Kindergarten Teacher

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... “Energetic” “Fun!!” “Practical” “Refreshing” “Inspirational” ...



“Wonderful spending these past two days with other teachers who know why I’m in love with 5-year-olds! Terrific, practical ideas I can’t wait to use!”

– Jan Oyster, Kindergarten Teacher

Who is BER? 

The Bureau of Education & Research is North America’s leading presenter of training for professional educators. Our goal is to provide high-quality PD programs, based on sound research, with an emphasis on practical strategies and techniques that can be immediately implemented.

Day One

AFTERNOON SESSIONS • 1:05 - 3:35 pm

Choose **ONE** Full Afternoon Session OR **TWO** 70-Minute Sessions
One mid-afternoon break

Full Afternoon Session • 1:05 – 3:35 pm

B-1: STEAM Through Kindergarten – Sue Holt



Have fun learning new, engaging activities that will challenge your students to use and strengthen their science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics skills. Discover simple and powerful lessons embedded with meaningful learning that are easy to plan and use! This hands-on session will give you the ideas, knowledge and tools you’ll need to meet the Next Generation Science Standards while teaching your students to be creative, innovative and collaborate with peers to solve challenges.

First 70-Minute Afternoon Sessions 1:05 – 2:15 pm

CHOOSE ONE: B-2 or B-3

B-2: What Are All the Other Students Doing When I am With a Small Group? – Linda Klotz

Learn practical ways to make the most of your students’ independent literacy time. No matter whether you use stations, centers or a literacy workshop, you’ll learn proven management techniques and practical, engaging activities that will help your kindergartners develop their literacy independence, so that you can work more effectively 1:1 or with small groups.

B-3: Significantly Strengthen Your Kindergarten Literacy Work Stations – Sue Brady



Get ready for some Fe-Fi-Kinder fun! Expose a whole new generation of children to the classic tales! This session will include ways to sing, dramatize, create, retell, read, and write classic literature, nursery rhymes and poetry throughout the year. Let’s celebrate the classic tales with a new generation of kindergartners!

Second 70-Minute Afternoon Sessions 2:25 – 3:35 pm

CHOOSE ONE: B-4 or B-5

B-4: Creating a Powerful Writer’s Workshop in Kindergarten – Linda Klotz

Discover NEW, fun ways to get your kindergartners’ enthusiastically writing! Gain a host of age-appropriate, practical ideas for helping students meet kindergarten literacy expectations. Take away a wealth of mini-lessons designed specifically to enhance the skills of your kindergarten writers.

B-5: Reach Your Struggling Kindergartners Before They Fall Too Far Behind – Sue Brady



Every teacher has some students that aren’t quite “getting it” as fast as others. Discover low/no cost hands-on beginning reading strategies and activities designed to help your struggling kindergarten students build critical foundational skills before they fall too far behind. Fill your teacher toolkit with effective use-tomorrow, developmentally appropriate activities.

Can’t Attend? Online Professional Development Option:



Related Online Course

A related On Demand Video-Based Online Learning course, *Increase All Your Students’ Learning with Practical, Timesaving Work Stations*, for Grades PK-K, is available for immediate registration. To enroll, visit www.ber.org/onlinelearning

Day Two

MORNING SESSIONS • 8:30 – 11:15 am

Choose **ONE** Full Morning Session OR **TWO** 75-Minute Sessions
One mid-morning break

Full Morning Session • 8:30 – 11:15 am

C-1: Math Centers: Independent Practice to Increase Kindergartners' Learning and Engagement – *Linda Klotz*

    Come learn how to set up your classroom and introduce math centers that are engaging and help reinforce your kindergartners' math skills. Activities will be shared to address all math strands. Differentiation strategies will be shared.

First 75-Minute Morning Sessions 8:30 – 9:45 am

CHOOSE ONE: C-2 or C-3

C-2: iPads, Tablets and Chromebooks, Oh My! – *Sue Holt*

You have the technology – now what? Learn kindergarten-tested tips for using technology in the classroom to engage students in meaningful learning. Discover new ways to differentiate for struggling and advanced learners, and how to access resources to more easily meet the needs of every student. We'll explore the best of the best apps and websites for kindergartners and teachers.

C-3: Powerful Ways to Build Kindergartners' Background Knowledge and Vocabulary – *Sue Brady*

  Research shows that vocabulary plays a significant role in learning how to read, and gone are the days where we look up words in a dictionary to define them. Words must be introduced and taught in a variety of engaging ways. Discover effective activities that actively engage kindergartners to help them build and strengthen the oral and written skills needed to develop an expansive vocabulary. These ideas and activities can be easily integrated into all areas of your curriculum.

Second 75-Minute Morning Sessions 10:00 – 11:15 am

CHOOSE ONE: C-4 or C-5

C-4: Keep Calm and Teach On ... Classroom Management for Every Kindergarten Teacher! – *Sue Holt*

 Kindergartners come to us with increasingly challenging behaviors that can exhaust and dishearten even 'super' teachers. This session will help new and experienced kindergarten teachers fine-tune their classroom management strategies. Learn research and brain-based ways to gain and keep attention, stop behaviors before they escalate, and respond to common challenges we face.

C-5: Greatly Increase the Reading and Writing Success of Your Kindergartners – *Sue Brady*

  Creating a literate environment is a crucial step in the development of successful young readers and writers. Discover many easy-to-implement ways to display and make optimal use of print in your classroom to foster kindergartners' interest in language and writing. These fun, motivating and age/developmentally appropriate activities make use of class books, trade books and a variety of manipulatives.

11:15 am – 12:30 pm • Lunch Break (on your own)

On-Site Training

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Comprehensive Resource Handbook

You will receive an extensive resource handbook, specifically designed for this conference. Included in the handbook are resource materials for ALL conference sessions, even those you don't attend. These materials include:

- Model lessons and activities
- Early literacy strategies and activities
- Ways to develop and manage math and literacy centers
- Activities to help your struggling kindergartners
- The best, most current kindergarten ideas and strategies



Team Discount

ONE DAY

One Person: \$269

BOTH DAYS

One person: \$449

Team of 3+: \$429 per person when registered at the same time



Conference Locations & Hotel Accommodations



Cherry Hill

Join us in the Philadelphia suburb and visit the city or local attractions such as the Cherry Hill Mall, Historic Croft Farms and other historic sites.

Conference location:

Mansion on Main Street – Voorhees
(856) 751-1717

Overnight accommodations:

SpringHill Suites – Voorhees
(856) 782-2555

Mention you are attending this BER conference prior to June 17, 2019 to receive the special rate of \$129 (Single/Double), rates subject to availability. The group code is BER.



Long Island

Whether you come alone, with family or colleagues, we hope you can join us for both days and enjoy all that Long Island has to offer!

Conference location and overnight accommodations:

Four Points by Sheraton – Plainview
(516) 694-6500

Mention you are attending this BER conference prior to June 16, 2019 to receive the special rate of \$165 (Single/Double), rates subject to availability.

Day Two

AFTERNOON SESSIONS • 12:30 - 3:10 pm

Choose **TWO** 75-Minute Afternoon Sessions
One mid-afternoon break

First 75-Minute Afternoon Sessions 12:30 - 1:45 pm

CHOOSE ONE: D-1, D-2 or D-3

D-1: Beyond Worksheets: Make Kindergarten Math Engaging, Meaningful and Fun! – Sue Holt



 Get hands-on and discover powerful new math games and activities to help your kindergartners achieve. Discover new ideas for teaching numeracy, fluency, problem solving, and data skills. Receive a toolkit of games and activities to help students practice counting skills, cardinality, patterning, recognize and write numbers, and much more!

D-2: Vocabulary Development Through Fiction and Non-Fiction Texts – Linda Klotz

Discover how your kindergartners can become word detectives through daily read-alouds as they learn to look closely at fiction and non-fiction texts. Explore many activities you can easily use that are designed to increase kindergarten students' vocabulary and increase the transfer of these words into students' daily writing.

D-3: Yes, They Can! Using Mentor Texts to Enhance Writing – Sue Brady



 Discover Sue's favorite mentor texts she uses with her own kindergartners that will inspire even your most reluctant writers. If your students are saying "I don't know what to write about" then this session is for you! Receive powerful, practical techniques that will make writing a positive part of the kindergarten day and that will increase the confidence and skill of your young writers.

Second 75-Minute Afternoon Sessions 1:55 - 3:10 pm

CHOOSE ONE: D-4, D-5 or D-6

D-4: Terrific Technology Tools to Accelerate Kindergarten Writing – Sue Holt

Utilize the technology you have available to get every student engaged in writing for a purpose. Create a climate where each student is an author and has the tools they need to draw, dictate and write to meet expectations.

D-5: Talk it Out! Build Number Sense and Teach Key Math Concepts with Number Talks – Linda Klotz



Discover fun and exciting ways to build number sense and introduce key math concepts to your kindergartners. Help your students develop key math skills vital for a sound mathematical foundation. Explore these highly practical, standards-aligned ideas that are sure to strengthen your kindergartners' understanding in math.

D-6: Build a Solid Foundation for Kindergarten Reading Comprehension – Sue Brady



Comprehension is the reason for reading! Build a solid foundation through explicit and effective comprehension instruction, hands-on activities, quality literature, and more! Learn highly effective ways to help your emergent kindergarten readers develop strong foundational reading comprehension skills. Explore engaging activities that emphasize interaction between readers and text.

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