

Keynote • 8:30 – 9:05 am

“Small Moves, Big Impact! How a Few Simple Strategies Can Dramatically Elevate Your Instruction” – Annemarie Johnson

Join Annemarie for an inspiring, upbeat and motivating keynote on how to increase student engagement to make your teaching really stick. It's all the little things we can do daily that add up to something big for our students!

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: Practical Work Stations to Increase ALL Students' Learning While Saving You Time! – Gale Pukall

You won't want to miss this idea-packed session where you will discover how you can work smarter, not harder as you use work stations to give you time to teach small groups and give your students opportunities to practice and apply math and literacy skills. Learn practical and timesaving strategies to help you plan, organize and incorporate work stations that engage students as they practice with purpose. All of the ideas are easy to prepare and involve free or low-cost materials!

70-Minute Sessions • 9:15 – 10:25 am

CHOOSE ONE: A-2 or A-3

A-2: Practical Fluency-Boosting Strategies to Strengthen Your First and Second Grade Reading Instruction

– Annemarie Johnson

Gather a wealth of classroom-tested, fluency-boosting strategies and step-by-step instructions for a powerful fluency development lesson. Learn how to effectively model fluency and scaffold the fluency growth for struggling first and second grade readers.

A-3: Practical Strategies for Teaching Number Sense: The Key to Teaching All Other Math Concepts – Lee Anne Coester

Join Lee Anne for this high-need session to learn strategies to strengthen students' understanding of key number concepts including our base 10 system, place value, subitizing, estimation and how these apply to counting, comparing numbers, addition, subtraction, and more. We'll cover the critical whole number concepts our first and second grade students need to know.

70-Minute Sessions • 10:40 – 11:50 am

CHOOSE ONE: A-4 or A-5

A-4: Using Reading Assessments to Drive Instruction in Your First and Second Grade Classroom

– Annemarie Johnson

Make the most of your reading assessments to boost students' skills in the specific areas they need. Learn how to analyze assessments to make better instructional decisions for students. Practical ideas you can use immediately for all levels of readers.

A-5: Differentiating Mathematics Instruction – Tips to Simplify Your Planning and Instruction

– Lee Anne Coester

What are the Universal Teaching Strategies that make differentiating instruction so much easier? Discover lesson planning tips that automatically differentiate for the varied groups in your classrooms – struggling, gifted, behavior issues, ELL, multiple intelligences and more. We'll apply these strategies to actual teaching situations to bring them to life.



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– Christina Rapacchietta,
2nd Grade Teacher

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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



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B-1: Practical Ideas to Increase First and Second Graders' Math Fact Fluency

– *Lee Anne Coester*

Go beyond flash cards and timed tests and teach addition and subtraction facts conceptually. We'll discuss the best order in which to teach facts, how to help students learn new facts based on facts they already know and strategies that lead to long-term retention. Games, activities, manipulatives, and an easy, effective assessment method that enhances both the enjoyment and the learning will be shared.

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

CHOOSE ONE: B-2 or B-3

B-2: Re-Thinking Small Group Guided Reading Instruction – *Annemarie Johnson*

Join Annemarie and look at a new way to be sure your small group guided reading instruction is having the greatest impact on student growth. This session will give you additional ways to differentiate, new ideas for flexible grouping and a menu of small group options that focus on specific skills students need. Leverage your small group instruction time by targeting exactly what students need to move their reading to the next level.

B-3: Exciting STEM Ideas and Activities Perfect for First or Second Grade Classrooms – *Gale Pukall*

Whether you are new to using STEM in your first or second grade classroom or are currently implementing, this highly practical session will give you innovative ideas that are both fun and easy to add into what you are already doing. Learn simple, hands-on projects, lessons and techniques that will get students excited about Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math and meet the STEM skills our students need!

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

CHOOSE ONE: B-4 or B-5

B-4: Powerful, Strategic and Fun Ways to Increase the Writing Fluency of Your First and Second Grade Students

– *Gale Pukall*

Learn new, best practice teaching strategies to increase your first and second graders' writing fluency. Outstanding scaffolding techniques that are time-efficient and teacher-friendly will be shared. These ready-to-use strategies will get your students writing more and with greater confidence!

B-5: Accelerate Your First and Second Graders' Reading Skills

– *Annemarie Johnson*

What's one thing we have research to prove works to accelerate reading skills in students? Reading aloud! Discover how you can take your read-alouds to the next level. Learn simple but high impact techniques for read-aloud routines and accountable talk that can boost both student motivation and achievement especially for striving first and second grade readers.

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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: Mentor Texts: Using Children’s Literature and Teacher Modeling to Strengthen Writing Instruction – *Annemarie Johnson*

Discover the strategies professional writers use that can be easily applied in your own first and second grade writing instruction. Learn the 5-step process for “reading like a writer” that will dramatically improve student writing and their motivation to write. You will never look at teaching writing the same way again!

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

CHOOSE ONE: C-2 or C-3

C-2: Keep Your First and Second Graders Actively Engaged While You Teach Guided Math Groups – *Gale Pukall*

During this fast-paced session, you will learn a variety of practical activities and lessons to engage first and second graders while you work with small guided math groups. Gale will demonstrate a wealth of differentiated and diverse activities including center ideas, partner work and individual math practice that will keep your students actively improving on the math skills they need!

C-3: Get Your First and Second Graders Problem Solving! Outstanding Strategies to Help Your Students Tackle Real-Life Word Problems – *Lee Anne Coester*

Throughout all state standards are found the words “Solve real-world problems,” “Compute in the context of real-world problems,” and “Represent real-world problems.” The not-so-subtle message says we need to “make it real” for our students. Join Lee Anne to learn about models and strategies that simplify problem solving, how to use problem posing, and ways to enhance your problem solving lessons with group work and calculators.

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

CHOOSE ONE: C-4 or C-5

C-4: New Ideas for Assessing Student Work: Innovative, Authentic Strategies for First and Second Grades – *Gale Pukall*

Utilize powerful classroom-tested assessment strategies designed specifically for first and second grade. Take home formative and summative assessment ideas that will help you more easily identify students’ strengths and weaknesses along with practical ideas for better helping parents understand what their children know, are able to do and what is next.

C-5: Creating a Math Growth Mindset – A Goal for All Teachers and Students – *Lee Anne Coester*

What is the difference between a Growth Mindset and a Fixed Mindset and why is this some of the most important educational research in decades? Join Lee Anne to learn how to develop your own Growth Mindset and how to incorporate these fascinating ideas into your own classroom including: learning does not equate with speed; if you’re not struggling you’re not learning; there is no such thing as a ‘math brain’; and the power of “YET”. Learn specific suggestions and great resources to strengthen and build a math Growth Mindset in your classroom.

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

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- Model lessons and activities in writing for first and second graders
- Assessment techniques, samples and tools perfect for first and second grade students
- A wealth of children’s literature titles perfect for first and second graders
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- Math and literacy work station tips and tools
- Resources to help make differentiation doable in first and second grade
- Ready-to-use resources for narrowing the achievement gap in first and second grades



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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: Powerful Intervention Strategies to Help Students Struggling with Emergent Math Skills in First and Second Grade – *Gale Pukall*

Discover new and innovative ways to identify and address students' math strengths and areas of need. Learn practical, yet powerful math interventions that work well in small groups and student partner teams. Ideas you will be able to implement right away in your own first or second grade classroom.

D-2: Practical Strategies to Strengthen Students' Opinion, Informational and Narrative Writing – *Annemarie Johnson*

Elevate your writing instruction to improve students' writing! You will leave this fast-paced session with a deeper understanding of the qualities of good writing along with practical strategies to bring back to your first or second grade classroom. Conferencing tools and tips will also be given.

D-3: Using Manipulatives and Activities to Incorporate Fun into Teaching Geometry and Fractions to First and Second Graders

– *Lee Anne Coester*

Nothing is more fun or more important to teach than geometry and it is so much more than just names of shapes. Engage your students through various learning styles and multiple intelligences. You'll explore 2D and 3D – shapes, terms, and attributes – with lots of ideas for manipulatives and activities you'll want to use with your students. On top of that, we'll connect beginning fraction concepts to the geometry strategies.

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

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

D-4: Great Math Literature Perfect for First and Second Grade: Connecting Mathematics to Reading – *Lee Anne Coester*

There is never enough time to do it all! Enhancing your math lessons while teaching reading is one solution. Give real life to the math you are teaching by choosing books specifically written to support and enhance math lessons while applying reading skills appropriate for 1st and 2nd grade. Take this "hands-on" opportunity to look through 28 of Lee Anne's favorite math/literature books while discussing teaching strategies for their use.

D-5: Classroom-Proven Spelling Strategies that Work! – *Annemarie Johnson*

In this strategy-packed, interactive session you will learn how to assess your students' developmental spelling levels and build an outstanding spelling program that strengthens all of your first and second graders' spelling skills. Practical and research-based spelling strategies that work!

D-6: Innovative and Meaningful Literacy Work Stations: Get Your First and Second Graders Actively Engaged in Purposeful Work – *Gale Pukall*

In this fast-paced session, you will discover new, updated activities and materials for your literacy work stations! Strengthen students' literacy growth using these outstanding, classroom-tested centers that are easy to prepare, inexpensive and fun for first and second graders!