

Best Strategies for the Unique Needs of FIRST GRADE Students



A Unique One-Day Live Online Seminar Presented by

Cathy Collier

Outstanding First Grade Teacher and National Presenter

**Specifically Designed for First Grade Teachers, Instructional Aides,
and Administrators who Work with First Grade Teachers**

The most effective teaching strategies to foster First Graders' academic growth

Best instructional techniques to enhance your First Grade math and literacy program

Rapidly close the achievement gap that often appears in First Graders' academic skills

Receive an extensive First Grade Teacher digital resource handbook full of strategies and resources you can implement right away

LIVE ONLINE SEMINAR

October 29

9 AM Eastern, 8 AM Central,
7 AM Mountain, 6 AM Pacific

CEUs and Graduate Credit Available
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CAN'T ATTEND?

Order the recorded version
and take the seminar online at
your convenience (see page 6)

*"I thought it
was fantastic!"*

— KIMBERLY LEONARDI,
1ST GRADE TEACHER

Ten Key Benefits of Attending

'This was a really great seminar to take! I really enjoyed all the resources provided.'

– KRISTAH AGEE,
FIRST GRADE TEACHER



Who Should Attend

First Grade Teachers,
Instructional Aides, and
Administrators who Work
with First Grade Teachers

- 1. Address the Unique Needs of Your First Grade Learners**
Discover how to enhance the learning experience for ALL your First Grade students ...
Expand your toolkit of teaching strategies to meet the specific needs of First Graders
- 2. Easily Identify Academic Gaps in Your First Grade Students' Learning**
Explore effective techniques to help you pinpoint gaps in your students' understanding ...
Target your instruction to assist your most vulnerable First Graders in strengthening their foundational skills
- 3. Keep Your First Grade Students Engaged and Actively Participating**
Discover practical strategies and teacher-friendly ideas to ensure your First Grade students remain actively involved in lessons and learning
- 4. Help Reluctant First Graders Gain Confidence and Make Progress**
Implement these strategies as soon as you return to your classroom and watch your First Graders' confidence and skills flourish
- 5. Strengthen Your First Grade Learners' Math and Reading Skills**
Learn best practices to enhance math and reading skills in Grade One, enabling students to thrive and experience greater success
- 6. Tips and Tools to Enhance Your First Graders' Writing Abilities**
Promote engagement, understanding, and independence with practical, individualized writing strategies designed to help your students meet or exceed First Grade writing standards
- 7. Help Your First Graders Recover Essential Math Skills They May Be Lacking**
Focus your math mini-lessons on key concepts ... Learn intervention strategies to support students who may have missed or forgotten crucial skills
- 8. Provide Classroom Organization and Management Ideas**
Discover how key strategies for organization and classroom management can minimize behavior issues, allowing you more time for teaching
- 9. Enhance the Well-Being of Your First Grade Students**
Explore resources tailored for teaching mindfulness, growth mindset, and emotional well-being all ideally suited for your First Grade learners
- 10. Receive an Extensive Digital Resource Handbook Designed Specifically for First Grade Teachers**
Each participant will receive a comprehensive digital resource handbook filled with ideas, strategies, lessons, and useful resources you can implement immediately to support your First Graders' success

Outstanding Strategies You Can Use Immediately

What You Will Learn ...

- **Innovative instructional strategies to boost achievement** and growth in your FIRST GRADERS
- **Ways to scaffold and differentiate your instruction** to best meet the diverse needs of your First Grade students
- **Quick formative assessments** that allow you to act swiftly and close the learning gap in your First Grade classroom
- Teaching tools that **address the specific needs of First Graders**
- Specific reading and math strategies to help First Grade students catch up
- **Engaging, high-interest thinking routines** that promote student engagement and independence
- Proven ideas for creating a **more effective literacy block** through active learning and student engagement
- **Creative approaches for differentiated learning** in a First Grade classroom
- How to **personalize learning more effectively** for your First Grade students
- **Dynamic Read Alouds** to support classroom management
- **Effective intervention strategies** for First Grade learners
- **Quick and effective ways to promote collaboration** among First Grade students
- **New and more effective ways to utilize formative assessments** to support students and meet them where they are
- Promote the practice of gradual release for students needing **extra support in both reading and math content**



"Such a wonderful day! Very informative!"

– RACHEL JONES, TEACHER

Practical Ideas and Strategies

Get ready for an action-packed day filled with innovative strategies tailored specifically for First Grade educators! Whether you're seeking fresh methods to elevate your First Graders' academic performance, foster stronger relationships, boost their confidence, or address behavioral challenges, this **NEW** seminar led by outstanding First Grade teacher and national presenter **CATHY COLLIER** is just what you need. The focus will be on the essential role of formative assessments, small group instruction, and student engagement techniques that solidify the learning foundation for all your First Graders. **Join Cathy for an inspiring day brimming with practical, classroom-tested strategies! You will walk away with an extensive digital resource handbook filled with easy-to-implement ideas, and you'll have the opportunity to connect with fellow educators in a nurturing environment. Leave this seminar motivated and ready to apply a wealth of innovative ideas to support your incredible First Graders.**



A Message From Seminar Leader, Cathy Collier



Uniquely Qualified Instructor

CATHY COLLIER is an outstanding First Grade teacher and engaging presenter with a wealth of classroom-proven strategies and ideas to share. With years of experience teaching First Grade, her strategies are effective and ready for YOU to implement. Her unique approach has led to significant achievement increases among all her students—from those who struggle to the highly capable. Cathy has been sharing her teaching and intervention strategies with educators nationwide and is the author of *Best Strategies for the Unique Needs of FIRST GRADE Students*, the digital resource handbook each participant will receive at this seminar. You won't want to miss this day filled with humor, fun, and a wealth of practical information that will boost your approach to teaching First Grade students.

Dear Colleague:

First Graders. What comes to mind when you hear that? Perhaps you're new to teaching First Grade or a seasoned First Grade teacher eager to recharge. We can all agree that the landscape of teaching First Grade is evolving, as we strive to keep pace with these amazing six- and seven-year-olds while providing them with the education they deserve.

Somewhere during first grade, our students transition from being primary learners to developing characteristics of more independent learners. This brings unique rewards and challenges that can catch us by surprise. Additionally, physical, cognitive, and social-emotional milestones occur during this pivotal school year, alongside increased expectations for testing, productivity, and quality work.

In this one-day seminar crafted specifically for First Grade educators, we will explore the changes and challenges, and I will share with you the proven strategies and solutions I have developed over the years of teaching First Grade.

As First Grade teachers, we aim to provide engaging, meaningful lessons that challenge students at every level. The strategies and practices I will share will help us achieve this goal! All the strategies and tools I present are classroom-tested and highly practical. You will depart with a collection of ideas and activities that you can implement in your First Grade classroom the very next day. I look forward to spending the day with you at this seminar designed just for YOU!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cathy Collier".

Cathy Collier

P.S. You will also receive the extensive digital resource handbook I created specifically for this FIRST GRADE seminar, filled with the ideas and strategies we will discuss throughout our day together.

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What Your Colleagues Say About Cathy Collier

*"The workshop was great and lots of **great ideas to use in the classroom!**"*

– Danine Guarrera, 1st Grade Teacher

*"A lot of **useful information!**"*

– Nicolette Troutman, 1st Grade Teacher

*"**I loved it!** Especially the centers. I feel like that is always daunting and we are never taught an effective way to do that as teachers."*

– Nicole Shanahan, 1st Grade Teacher

*"This was a **great seminar that was very specific to 1st Grade Teachers!** I really appreciated all of the handouts and materials and being given access to so many activities!"*

– Tajia Zedek, 1st Grade Teacher



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"Cathy was amazing! I learned so much and am excited to bring it back to my classroom. Thank you!"

– EILEEN DIFILIPPO, FIRST GRADE TEACHER

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- Specific tips, tools, and procedures for addressing the First Grade learning gap in any learning environment
- A wealth of easy-to-implement resources to target individualized needs and provide scaffolding to help your students master First Grade standards
- A variety of ideas that will create more opportunities for meeting your First Graders where they are, both academically and socially
- Key strategies and activities to enhance First Grade literacy and math instruction

Share Ideas with Other Educators

This seminar provides a wonderful opportunity for participants to share ideas with other educators interested in enhancing your First Graders' academic growth.

Consultation Available

Cathy Collier will be available for consultation regarding your questions and the unique needs of your own program.

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- ☐ **1. October 29, 2026** (Start time: 9 AM Eastern)
—or—
☐ **2. I'd like to order the recorded version of this seminar**

FIRST NAME M.I. LAST NAME

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