

Using AI to Support Struggling Readers (Grades K-6)



A Unique One-Day Live Online Seminar Presented by

Kelly Harmon

Outstanding Educator and International Presenter

Specifically Designed for Educators Serving Grades K-6: Classroom Teachers, Reading Specialists, Literacy Coaches, Title I Staff, Special Education Staff, Interventionists, and Administrators

Streamline planning and personalize instruction with AI tools proven to save you time

Dozens of AI strategies to generate interventions that work for word recognition, fluency, vocabulary, comprehension and writing for your striving readers

Strengthen literacy using AI-created tools designed to help students improve literacy skills ... Tools to more easily generate intervention plans, track progress, and adapt strategies based on real-time student performance and needs

Discover ways AI helps get to the root causes of reading struggles

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April 28

9 AM Central, 8 AM Mountain,
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and take the seminar online at
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*"Very informative ! Magic
School and Padlet seem
like great tools to use."*

— HOLLY SHEGON, ACADEMIC SUPPORT

Ten Key Benefits of Attending

'This was an informative PD. I have many new tools that I will be able to take quickly into the classroom. There was a lot of information I will be incorporating into a PD in my own district.'

– BROOKE BELLEZZA,
READING SPECIALIST



Who Should Attend

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- 1. Keys to Intervening Quickly When Students Fall Behind – Faster With AI**
Discover high-impact ways to respond rapidly to reading and writing difficulties in Grades 3–6 ... Use AI tools to identify gaps, design targeted interventions, and deliver personalized support that accelerates progress for struggling readers
- 2. Build Upon Strengths With AI-Powered Insight**
Learn how to identify your students' strengths, interests, and challenges using AI to analyze student data and generate interest-based learning tasks ... Tap into student motivation to strengthen literacy growth and close the reading and writing gap
- 3. Create Differentiated Intervention Lessons – In Less Time**
Use AI to quickly generate leveled reading passages, scaffolded practice, and individualized progress-monitoring tools ... Learn how to partner with students to set goals, track growth, and engage in self-assessment using AI-supported tools like Magic School, Curipod, and more
- 4. Boost SEL and Literacy Progress With AI-Enhanced Motivation Strategies**
Help students develop confidence and resilience through targeted feedback and personalized support ... Use AI to co-create affirming reading and writing experiences that increase student ownership, belief in their abilities, and joy in literacy learning
- 5. Integrate Curriculum With Ease Using AI and High-Impact Strategies**
Harness AI to design integrated reading and writing lessons using content from science, social studies, and math ... Use mentor texts, multi-modal resources, and strategic groupings to build background knowledge, strengthen literacy skills, and deepen cross-subject connections
- 6. Apply the Science of Reading + AI for Accelerated Growth**
Use AI to scaffold just-in-time instruction based on the Science of Reading, Writing, and Learning ... Learn how to create a custom GPT-powered private tutor tailored to your students' specific needs – targeting essential skills such as decoding, spelling, fluency, and comprehension
- 7. Supervised, Purposeful Use of AI**
Strategies to introduce, guide and develop responsible, ethical users of AI ... Discover the best ways to use AI in your classroom while balancing the challenges and risks
- 8. Create Literacy Learning Experiences Students Will Love – With AI Support**
Learn how to use AI to curate and build text sets, visual supports, and comprehension tasks that activate background knowledge and teach students to connect new information with prior learning – essential for boosting comprehension in struggling readers
- 9. Prioritize Critical Learning and Bridge Gaps With AI Planning Tools**
Discover how to identify priority literacy standards and prerequisite skills by using AI to accelerate gap-closing ... Use technology to generate intervention plans that align with your scope and sequence while remaining student centered and time efficient
- 10. Receive an Extensive Digital Resource Handbook With AI Tools & Templates**
Leave with a powerful digital handbook packed with strategies, templates, leveled passages, prompts, and planning tools – including AI prompts and links to free tools – to support immediate implementation in your classroom

Outstanding Strategies You Can Use Immediately

What You Will Learn ...

- **How to strengthen your learning environment** into a novel, safe space to maximize learning
- **The best high-impact strategies and routines** to support students who have fallen behind
- **How to use AI tools to design differentiated lessons** for word recognition, fluency, vocabulary, comprehension, and writing
- How to partner with students to **set literacy goals and monitor daily progress using digital tools**
- Ways to integrate content area texts **to build background knowledge and schema for deeper comprehension**
- **How to create a private GPT tutor tailored to specific student needs** using AI sidekicks or chatbots
- Steps for teaching students to **use AI responsibly, ethically, and effectively in reading and writing**
- **How to use AI as a thought partner when planning** intervention lessons and generating instructional materials
- **Scaffolding instruction based on the Science of Reading** using AI for just-in-time support



*"Kelly was an excellent instructor.
I learned many new platforms that I am excited to use in my class!"*

– THERESA DIGENNARO, 2ND GRADE TEACHER

Practical Ideas and Strategies

Join **KELLY HARMON**, an internationally recognized educational consultant with extensive experience supporting Grades K-6 learners, for a strategy-packed day filled with the most effective, research-based literacy practices. This **NEW** seminar is designed to help you **respond to a wide range of student needs** by using the **Science of Reading and Writing**, along with **powerful AI tools** that streamline planning, differentiate instruction, and deepen engagement.

You'll discover how to:

- Use AI to identify and build upon each student's strengths and interests, to generate leveled texts, scaffold instruction, and provide targeted practice, and more!
- Support students in setting learning goals and monitoring their own growth
- Create personalized AI-powered tutors to reinforce essential literacy skills

You'll leave the seminar with:

- An **extensive digital resource handbook** full of ready-to-use lesson materials, texts, and templates and access to Kelly's exclusive online library of tools and resources designed for Grades K-6
- A **playbook of high-impact strategies** to address gaps and accelerate progress
- Innovative routines and activities to **boost confidence and foster independent learning**
- This high-energy day is filled with **practical, classroom-tested ideas** you can use immediately. Whether you're working with students who need additional support or striving to elevate the literacy experience for all, you'll walk away equipped and inspired with strategies that **maximize every learning opportunity**.



A Message From Seminar Leader, Kelly Harmon



Uniquely Qualified Instructor

KELLY HARMON is a passionate educator and nationally recognized consultant dedicated to making learning **relevant, meaningful, and engaging** for every student.

With over three decades of experience as a classroom teacher, instructional coach, and professional learning facilitator, Kelly brings unmatched energy and expertise to her seminars. Her fast-paced, interactive sessions are known for blending practical strategies with purpose-driven instruction that you can implement right away.

She is the author of *Practicing Skills, Strategies, & Processes: Classroom Techniques to Help Students Develop Proficiency* (Learning Sciences International, 2015), and the creator of *Using AI to Support Struggling Readers (Grades K-6)*, a comprehensive digital resource handbook designed for immediate classroom use.

Kelly's seminars are filled with humor, hands-on learning, and real-world application. Whether you're looking to refine your literacy program, accelerate growth for struggling learners, or bring more joy and relevance into your teaching, this day will leave you energized and equipped with tools that make a difference.

Dear Colleague:

There is no doubt that the past few years have brought major shifts to our classrooms, especially in how we support the diverse learning needs of our students.

What hasn't changed is our unwavering commitment to helping every student thrive – especially those who need targeted support to access and master grade-level literacy skills. Like you, I'm dedicated to finding the most effective, sustainable ways to meet these needs without burning out. That's why I'm excited to invite you to a powerful, forward-thinking seminar: *Using AI to Support Struggling Readers (Grades K-6)*.

This is not about replacing teachers – AI will never replace the human ability to build relationships, spark curiosity, or model a love for reading and learning. But AI can be a powerful partner in the work we do. It can help us make better instructional decisions, generate high-quality resources in minutes, and tailor instruction with more precision and less time.

During our day together, you'll explore how to:

- **Use AI as a thought partner** to increase productivity and reduce time spent on planning, reteaching, and differentiation
- **Target the five critical components of reading** – word recognition, fluency, vocabulary, comprehension, and writing – using science-based, high-impact strategies
- **Diagnose the root causes of reading difficulties** and design personalized interventions using student data and AI-supported insights
- **Empower students as ethical, responsible AI users** who can use these tools to build independence, confidence, and skill in reading and writing

You'll leave with a practical, time-saving toolkit of ready-to-use strategies, AI tools, and an extensive digital resource handbook filled with templates, activities, prompts, and scaffolded texts – all designed to strengthen literacy instruction and make your day-to-day work easier.

Please join me for this engaging, idea-packed seminar filled with innovative, easy-to-implement ways to accelerate literacy growth – while honoring the irreplaceable role you play in your students' lives.

With appreciation,

Kelly Harmon

P.S. **You will learn dozens of specific instructional strategies you can use to greatly increase the success of your Grades K-6 students and will leave with an extensive digital resource handbook as well as my online resources!**

What Your Colleagues Say About Kelly Harmon

*"A **great overview!** Being introduced to Twee, learning more about Chatgpt and getting to work on some uses for Padlet were all greatly beneficial."*

– Samantha Schiff, Learning Specialist

*"I really **appreciated the handouts.** They were so helpful and worked really well with the content."*

– Paige Pectol, Third Grade Teacher

*"**Helpful to have an overview of some AI tools** to support struggling readers."*

– Amanda Hicks, Reading Interventionist

*"I enjoyed the presenter; she was **knowledgeable and kind.**"*

– Lauren Rendine, Reading Specialist

*"Kept thinking that ChatGPT would be so time consuming, but really it's time saving. **Can't wait to use it to analyze student learning and progress and drive instruction!** Kelly was very informative, engaging, and well worth spending a day out of the classroom!"*

– Heather Hartmann, Reading Specialist



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'Enjoyed this seminar - wonderful instructor that was able to explain the various tools for AI in an easy and interesting way.'

— LISA REITZAS,
READING SPECIALIST

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- A playbook of high-impact strategies to support struggling readers
- Dozens of ideas for harnessing the power of AI along step-by-step guidance on the best ways to use it
- Intervention ideas, tools and strategies designed to strengthen the skills of your striving readers
- Access to Kelly's exclusive online library of tools and resources designed for Grades K-6

Share Ideas with Other Educators

This seminar provides a wonderful opportunity for participants to share ideas with other educators interested in enhancing their reading program.

Consultation Available

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

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Related On-Demand Video-Based Online Learning courses, *Catching Up Students Who Have Fallen Behind in Reading or Writing*, for Grades 3-5, *Helping Your Struggling Readers Become More Successful Readers: Targeted Interventions that Work!*, for Grades K-5, and other literacy-related courses are available for immediate registration. To enroll, visit www.ber.org/online

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- ☐ 1. **April 28, 2026** (Start time: 9 AM Central)
- ☐ 2. **May 7, 2026** (Start time: 9 AM Eastern)
- or —
- ☐ 3. **I'd like to order the recorded version of this seminar**

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