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PURPOSEFUL PLAY-BASED LEARNING: Enhance Students' Academic Progress and Social-Emotional Growth

(Preschool, PreK, and Kindergarten)

A Unique One-Day Live Online Seminar Presented by

Linda Klotz

Outstanding Early Childhood Educator and National Presenter

Specifically Designed for Educators Working with Preschool, PreK and Kindergarten Children: Preschool, PreK and Kindergarten Teachers, Head Start Teachers, Instructional Assistants, Special Education Staff, and Administrators

The best, most-current classroom-proven strategies to increase students' learning and social-emotional growth with purposeful play

Dozens of practical, timesaving ideas for making best use of play-based learning to enhance your Preschool through Kindergarten instruction to provide successful learning across the content areas

Outstanding ways to foster a growth mindset and to develop students' foundational skills, creativity, perseverance, and confidence as learners

Receive an extensive purposeful play digital resource handbook filled with strategies, tips and activities designed specifically to support your young learners through quality play-based learning

LIVE ONLINE SEMINARS

January 14

9 AM Central, 8 AM Mountain, 7 AM Pacific, 10 AM Eastern

January 19

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)

"This was jam-packed with walk-away activities that I can use tomorrow. I appreciate all the photos and ideas."

– MICHELLE MCKIMMY, KINDERGARTEN TEACHER

Ten Key Benefits of Attending

"Linda was extremely knowledgeable and gave time for collaboration. I especially loved the component of embedding social and emotional learning through play. Thank you, Linda!"

– KELSEE YOUNG, SPECIAL EDUCATION PRESCHOOL TEACHER

Who Should Attend

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1. **Increase Learning and Social-Emotional Growth**
   Researchers and educators increasingly recognize the vital role of purposeful play in strengthening academic and social-emotional skills … Learn practical and successful ways to make best use of purposeful play in your Preschool, PreK or Kindergarten classroom
2. **Use Play as a Foundation for Developing Early Literacy**
   Facilitate the development of language, vocabulary, storytelling, and early literacy skills in your classroom … Incorporate dozens of innovative ideas to accelerate learning success
3. **Develop Your Students' Communication Skills Through Play**
   Encourage language development, listening skills, and conversation … Help students build social-interaction, conflict-resolution and decision-making skills as you optimize your classroom community
4. **Enhance Creativity and Build Students' Confidence**
   Cultivate curiosity and a belief that students "can do it!" through play-based learning … Help students get an early start on becoming creative, independent learners with the confidence to take risks
5. **Discover Purposeful Play Best Practices**
   Explore numerous ideas for incorporating play into your classroom environment … Reimagine your classroom using the space and materials you already have available to facilitate powerful guided and non-structured play-based learning
6. **Incorporate Hands-On Purposeful Play Activities**
   Integrate meaningful and purposeful play activities designed to build literacy, fine motor and readiness skills … Enhance student learning and understanding of key academic concepts through practical, hands-on, play-based activities and practices
7. **Develop Readiness and Early Writing Skills**
   Discover developmentally appropriate readiness ideas perfect for your young writers in the classroom setting … Learn how to incorporate play-based drawing and writing activities that establish a purpose and audience for writing … After all, drawing is their first writing!
8. **Powerfully Connect Play with Math and Science**
   Help students explore key concepts through purposeful play and guided inquiry … Capitalize on your students' natural curiosity and interest in exploring math and science
9. **Foster a Growth Mindset with Your Young Learners**
   Encourage your students to be risk-taking learners who persevere beyond their successes and challenges … Gain strategies to further effort, hard work and practice to help students achieve their potential and beyond as they achieve success
10. **Receive an Extensive Purposeful Play Digital Resource Handbook**
    You will receive an extensive digital resource handbook, specifically designed for this seminar and filled with practical ideas and strategies to increase students' academic learning and social-emotional growth with purposeful play in the classroom

Outstanding Strategies You Can Use Immediately

What You Will Learn ...

- **Practical strategies for making best use of purposeful play** to increase students' academic learning and social-emotional growth
- Creative play-based ways to **strengthen critical thinking, questioning and academic vocabulary** in your early learners
- Outstanding examples and ways to **connect purposeful play with your existing instruction and learning goals**, including with classroom-based math and science explorations
- **Effective strategies to strengthen a growth mindset** and help your students be quality learners through quality play
- **Proven ways** to create a developmentally appropriate, child-centered learning environment for your young learners
- **Readiness activities** including drawing and writing to establish a purpose and audience for writing through play-based learning activities
- Doable purposeful play approaches to **easily differentiate your reading, writing, listening, math, and science instruction**
- **A wealth of low-cost materials and ready-to-use tools** for enhancing play in your classroom … Watch as your classroom comes alive!
- Ways to strengthen students' **social-interaction, conflict-resolution and decision-making skills**
- **Unique ideas and ways to help** your students collaborate, explore, create and revise their thinking through play-based learning

"I am absolutely walking away with fresh eyes, lots of wonderful ideas, and great plans!!!"

– TRACY COOK, TEACHER

Practical Ideas and Strategies

In a decades-long attempt to maximize academic gains in many schools, play in early education was pushed out or greatly reduced. However, research increasingly recognizes a balance that includes purposeful play as vital for developing stronger academic and social-emotional skills in young learners. In this ***NEW***, innovative and engaging seminar by **LINDA KLOTZ**, you will learn proven strategies to make best use of purposeful play-based learning in your Preschool, PreK or Kindergarten classroom. Explore play as a foundation for literacy readiness skills, for success in developing a mathematical mindset, and for integrating the science standards through focused questioning, experiments, and exploring. This workshop will encourage activities to build vital language and social skills. The focus will be on practical, age-appropriate strategies, materials and creative opportunities you can easily incorporate in your Preschool, PreK or Kindergarten program. **Join Linda for this idea-packed seminar, filled with numerous practical ideas and strategies for increasing students' academic and social-emotional growth through purposeful play.**

A Message From Seminar Leader, Linda Klotz

Uniquely Qualified Instructor

LINDA KLOTZ is an outstanding presenter with extensive experience as an early childhood teacher. She has presented nationally for school districts and at early childhood conferences and seminars. All her ideas have been tested and proven to work in the classroom. Linda's seminars are dynamic and innovative, yet highly practical and easy to implement. She is the author of *PURPOSEFUL PLAY-BASED LEARNING: Enhance Students' Academic Progress and Social-Emotional Growth (Preschool, PreK, and Kindergarten),* the extensive digital resource handbook you will receive at the seminar. Teachers regularly praise Linda's wealth of experience and passion for young learners.

Dear Colleague:

Play-based learning has become one of my passions as I work with children. One of my beliefs that I repeatedly share with colleagues is, "Quality Play for Quality Children" will make the difference in a young child's learning experiences in the classroom. Literacy, Reading, Language Development, Writing, Math, and Science are the starting points for success through play-based strategies and activities that will provide more successful learning.

Many of us have experienced the "I Can't" syndrome with our young students. For the past 30 years I have reminded students, **"There are no 'I can'ts' … only 'I can't yets.'"** Let me suggest and model multiple ways to optimize your classroom culture so students are ready to work **and** play together. Learn practical self-regulation methods that provide workable solutions to help students both emotionally and academically. Through quality and strategic questioning, I will model and use play-based activities to their full potential so your classroom can be a place of encouragement through communication and problem solving in literacy, math, and science.

Please join me for this full day of hands-on, "hear-it-today-use-it-tomorrow" activities that will encourage active, developmentally appropriate play-based learning for your early learners. The information I will share is research-based and the emphasis will be on **practical** ideas, strategies, and activities.

Throughout our day I'll encourage you to embrace my favorite quote: "There are no 'I can'ts' … only 'I can't YETs!'" with your students this year.

Sincerely,

Linda Klotz

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P.S. Spend the day with me and learn great ways to support your young students through play – promoting creativity, self-regulation, and a positive growth mindset – while building the academic skills needed for success.

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What Your Colleagues Say About Linda Klotz

*"**I wish I'd been a student in Linda's class!** I am leaving this wonderful seminar with SO many incredible ideas!"*

– Patricia Braunlich, Head Teacher PreK

*"So many great ideas! It was a great collaboration of ideas across various subject matter. **Very organized and easy to listen to!** The handbook was full of so many great resources, too! Thank you!"*

– Daniela Caschera, PreK Teacher

*"**Learned a lot of new activities to try in my classroom.** The digital resource handbook was great! Appreciated having the materials listed and linked to where you can find them on Amazon. Loved this training!"*

– Hannah Maudlin, PreK-4 Teacher

*"This was so good and there were **so many useful tips and strategies** to take back to the classroom."*

– Emilie Taggart, PreK Teacher

*"**Such great information.** I really appreciate the lengthy handbook that I can save, refer to later and print from, with clickable links."*

– Jamie Huff, PreK-4 Teacher

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Special Benefits of Attending

"I gained so many ideas for my classroom and ideas I have never thought of before! I was so engaged in this informative seminar."

– VICTORIA MARCHAN, TEACHER

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Extensive Digital Resource Handbook

You will receive an extensive digital resource handbook specifically designed for this seminar. Included in the handbook are:

- Timesaving, practical strategies for making best use of play-based learning in your existing Preschool, PreK, or Kindergarten program
- Highly effective ways to enhance your instruction with purposeful play
- Dozens of purposeful play ideas, including literature, math manipulatives, early learning games, and much more!
- Tips and tricks ideal for every Preschool, PreK, and Kindergarten educator for saving time, avoiding headaches and setting the stage for student success
- Ways to make the most of your classroom space and create an environment for optimal learning

Share Ideas

This seminar provides a wonderful opportunity for participants to share ideas with other educators interested in increasing young learners' academic progress through purposeful play-based learning.

Consultation Available

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

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Related On-Demand Online Courses

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Registration (QPK7W1)

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—or —
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