Best Practices for Strengthening Your KINDERGARTEN Literacy Program

Presented by
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Outstanding Kindergarten Teacher and National Literacy Trainer

Specifically Designed for Kindergarten and K-1 Teachers, Multiage Primary Teachers, Special Education Teachers, Instructional Aides, Specialists Who Work with Kindergarten Children, and Administrators

- Learn practical and meaningful ways to implement the Common Core State Standards for Reading and Writing in kindergarten
- Innovative ideas and strategies to strengthen your entire kindergarten literacy program
- How to most effectively incorporate read-alouds, shared reading, guided reading, journal writing, modeled and interactive writing, word walls, phonics, and more – all in ways ideal for kindergarten
- Literacy centers ideal for kindergarten
- Demonstrations, displays, samples of kindergartners’ work, and an extensive kindergarten literacy resource handbook

“The most effective seminar I’ve experienced in my career. Linda’s ideas are ideal, workable and easy to take back and implement immediately!”
– Angie Price, Kindergarten Teacher
Ten Key Benefits of Attending

1. **Align Your Kindergarten Literacy Program with the Common Core State Standards for Reading and Writing**
   Learn practical ways to align your current literacy program with the Common Core State Standards for Reading and Writing.

2. **Make Best Use of Guided Reading in Kindergarten**
   Effective guided reading lessons for emergent, early and developing kindergarten readers. Learn how to utilize flexible grouping and match books to the reader.

3. **Using Shared Reading to Increase Literacy**
   Help your emergent readers develop reading strategies through participation in shared reading.

4. **Proven Literacy Centers for Strengthening Your Kindergarteners’ Reading and Writing Skills**
   Learn how to set up kindergarten-appropriate literacy centers that will reinforce your reading and writing instruction. Dozens of meaningful activities that help build skills will be shared.

5. **Foster Emergent Writing**
   Through the use of modeled and interactive writing, kindergartners will build confidence and gain new writing skills. Here’s how.

6. **Using Journals More Effectively with Kindergartners**
   Learn how to develop an effective journal-writing program with your kindergartners that incorporates the Common Core State Standards.

7. **Building Phonemic Awareness Skills**
   Chants, poems, songs, and rhythm activities that will help your kindergartners develop phonemic awareness skills.

8. **Teaching Phonics in a Meaningful Context**
   Strategies you can use to help your students develop phonics skills in meaningful contexts through literature, poetry, environmental print, and the alphabet.

9. **Making Best Use of Word Walls**
   Learn innovative ways to incorporate word walls effectively to enhance kindergarten students’ reading and writing skills.

10. **Practical, Positive Classroom Management that Works**
    Learn how to put it all together and create a successful balanced literacy program for your kindergartners. Gain practical strategies for handling the challenge of “What are the rest of the students doing while I pull a group together for reading?”
Outstanding Strategies You Can Use Immediately

- Incorporate **guided reading, flexible grouping and matching books** with your kindergartners
- Select **children’s literature perfect for kindergarten** classrooms and supports the **Common Core State Standards**
- Demonstrate concepts of print and reading strategies through **shared reading**
- Create easy-to-manage **literacy centers** that support your reading and writing program
- **Utilize glyphs** tied to kindergarten themes and literature
- Utilize **modeled and interactive writing** to boost the literacy skills of your kindergartners
- Incorporate research-based **comprehension strategies that align with the Common Core State Standards** into your read-alouds
- Enhance the development of early **journal-writing skills**
- **Build phonemic awareness** skills through songs, rhymes and literature
- Develop new ways for **teaching phonics in a meaningful context**
- Create and utilize **effective word walls in kindergarten**
- Create a **highly effective management system** to pull together your kindergarten literacy program
- **Schedule and organize highly effective literacy blocks** for your half-day and full-day kindergarten programs
- **Keep the joy of learning to read** in a standards-based curriculum
- **Incorporate proven strategies** for helping your students learn to ask and answer open-ended questions
- **Make the most of your time** in your busy kindergarten day
- **Help your kindergartners understand writing** for a purpose

“I love the fact that the presenter is actually in the kindergarten classroom every day! She has wonderful ideas that work with real kids!”

– Laura Polinsky, Kindergarten Teacher

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Call Toll-Free
1-800-735-3503
A Message From Your Seminar Leader, Linda Klotz

Dear Kindergarten Colleagues:

As an experienced kindergarten teacher, I know firsthand the challenges of teaching reading and writing skills to kindergarten children. Kindergarten has changed drastically over the last few years. All of us are faced with the question, “How do we fit all the expectations and meet the Common Core State Standards into the time we have?” Part of the answer to this question is making the most effective use of research-proven strategies we now have available for our kindergarten classrooms.

Among the topics I will share in our day together are:

• **Aligning your kindergarten literacy program** with the Common Core State Standards
• How to most effectively incorporate **guided reading, shared reading and read-alouds in kindergarten**
• Proven ways to use **modeled and interactive writing, journal writing and word walls** with kindergartners
• **Literacy centers** that are ideal for kindergarten
• How to more effectively **build phonemic awareness skills and teach phonics** in a meaningful context
• **Practical management strategies** for more efficiently managing small group and independent activities

This seminar will focus on practical, easy-to-implement activities to incorporate into any kindergarten literacy program. I will share strategies and ideas that have been tried and proven to work in my own classroom. It is my goal that you will leave this seminar energized and rejuvenated, ready to enhance your literacy program, yet enable you to also keep the fun in kindergarten.

I look forward to our day together.

Sincerely,

Linda Klotz

P.S. Again, my goal in this seminar is to share with you **very practical strategies** I know from firsthand experience that work well in the kindergarten classroom.

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Uniquely Qualified Instructor

LINDA KLOTZ is an outstanding presenter with extensive experience as a kindergarten teacher. She has presented nationally for school districts and at kindergarten conferences and seminars. She is currently in the classroom, so all her ideas have been tested and proven to work. Linda’s seminars are dynamic and innovative, yet highly practical and easy to implement. She is the author of Best Practices for Strengthening Your KINDERGARTEN Literacy Program, the extensive resource handbook each participant will receive at the seminar. You will leave this seminar with a wealth of proven techniques and practical strategies that you can implement immediately in your own kindergarten program.

What Your Colleagues Say About Linda Klotz

“This is the first seminar I’ve attended that is truly ‘right on’ for our grade level. Linda Klotz must be an excellent teacher because she gives a wonderful, well-presented, informative workshop.”

– Elissa Bibb, Kindergarten Teacher

“The very best kindergarten literacy seminar I have attended to date! So many wonderful and success-producing ideas.”

– Mary Jo Bender, Kindergarten Teacher

“Great seminar – lots of wonderful ideas!”

– Bev Combs, Kindergarten Teacher

“The ideas that Linda presents are fresh and practical!”

– Deanna Smith, Kindergarten Teacher

“I love the way this seminar focuses on kindergarten. It is rare to find seminars that are based solely on kindergarten content. It is so great to get together with other kindergarten teachers and share ideas.”

– Hillary Gnerer, Kindergarten Teacher

“Fantastic job. Many practical ideas! I can go right back to my classroom and use many of these ideas right away. Thank you for sharing your expertise!”

– Sharon Browne, Kindergarten Teacher

“This day will impact my classroom tremendously! I’ve written pages of ideas to go back and use.”

– Mary Beth Evers, Kindergarten Teacher

“Very worthwhile and packed with ideas for new and experienced teachers alike.”

– Dianne Sarr, Kindergarten Teacher

“Linda does an excellent job presenting material that I can take back and use tomorrow in my classroom. Her ideas are practical and age-appropriate. I wish I could take her home with me!”

– Lynette Larson, Kindergarten Teacher

“Linda is very well organized and presents good teaching practices. She shares examples and ideas that can be used in your classroom easily – I also like the fact that Linda is in the classroom doing these practices daily.”

– Ginny Connor, Kindergarten Teacher
You’ll Receive an Extensive Kindergarten Resource Handbook
Each participant will receive an extensive kindergarten resource handbook especially designed for the kindergarten classroom. Included in the handbook will be:

• Strategies for shared, guided and independent reading and writing with kindergartners
• Dozens of kindergarten teaching strategies
• Proven ideas for enriching and integrating your kindergarten curriculum
• Literacy center ideas to increase reading and writing skills
• Hands-on learning activities for letter/sound work
• Specific components of a kindergarten balanced reading and writing program
• Effective management strategies
• Scheduling ideas and daily routines that enhance a balanced literacy classroom

Kindergarten Materials on Display
Dozens of books, charts, literature extensions, center ideas, and child-made samples will be on display. Feel free to bring your camera!

Consultation Available
Linda Klotz will be available during breaks to answer individual questions regarding your own classroom program.

Semester Credit Option
One graduate level professional development credit is available with an additional fee and completion of a follow-up practicum project. Details for direct enrollment with Brandman University, part of the Chapman University system, will be available at the seminar.

Meet Inservice Requirements
At the end of the program, each attendee will receive a certificate of participation that may be used to verify hours of participation in meeting continuing education requirements.

“Absolutely fantastic! Linda’s information is practical, specific and relevant. I really like the fact that I walked away from this seminar with ideas I can put into my literacy program tomorrow!”
– Nancy Woo, Teacher

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**Payment is due prior to the program.** No cash please. Fee includes seminar registration, morning coffee and tea, a personalized certificate of participation, and an extensive resource handbook.

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- Rochester: Radisson – Airport, (585) 475-1910

If needed, please make your own hotel reservations by calling the appropriate hotel listed above.
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Registration (KRK3S1)

☐ 1. Albany (Castleton), NY – March 25, 2013
☐ 2. Rochester, NY – March 26, 2013

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