2017 Kindergarten Conference

St. Louis (Clayton), MO • July 24 – 25, 2017
Seattle (Bellevue), WA • July 26 – 27, 2017

CEU and Graduate Credit Available

Choose from 21 Highly-Practical Conference Sessions

Hands-On Options • Kindergarten Teacher Resources • Hundreds of Practical Strategies
Strategies to Take Back to Your Classroom!

Meet Your Team of Expert Instructors

SUE HOLT is a highly experienced National Board Certified kindergarten teacher and exceptional national speaker. Sue understands the unique challenges of teaching kindergarten, therefore her seminars are highly practical. Among participants, she is well-known for the wealth of ready-to-use, proven strategies she provides.

SHERI SUTTERLEY is a phenomenal kindergarten teacher and exciting presenter. She is a regular presenter at kindergarten conventions, is an author and has served as a mentor and master teacher throughout her 38-year career. You will find Sheri’s sessions filled with practical, classroom-tested ideas that will enhance your teaching experience and increase the success of your kindergartners.

CAROLYN MCMAHON is a highly sought after and experienced national presenter, author, kindergarten and early childhood teacher. She is known for her fast-paced, hands-on, interactive and highly practical sessions. Carolyn’s wealth of experience, passion for young learners and sense of humor will help to re-energize your own passion for teaching young children!
Day One

Keynote • 8:30 - 9:05 am

The World of Kindergarten .... Through the Eyes of a Child!
– Sheri Sutterley

The universal joys, moments of wonder and humor of teaching kindergarten that we collectively encounter in our classrooms. We will reflect on the many first-time experiences of school … Through the eyes and voices of the children we teach.

MORNING SESSIONS • 9:15 - 11:50 am

Choose ONE Full Morning Session OR TWO 70-Minute Sessions • One mid-morning break

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A-1: Making Literacy Centers Work for You and Your Kindergarten Students
– Sheri Sutterley

Are you looking for NEW ways to incorporate centers or grouping strategies into your classroom and still cover all of the required expectations? Teacher-friendly, timesaving tips for organizing, managing and implementing centers that motivate, engage and support your kindergarten students. Come and experience literacy centers in ACTION!

70–Minute Sessions • 9:15 – 10:25 am

CHOOSE ONE: A-2 or A-3

A-2: Keep Calm and Teach On … Classroom Management for Every Kindergarten Teacher! – Sue Holt

Kindergartners come to us with increasingly challenging behaviors that can exhaust and dishearten even ‘super’ teachers. This session will help new and experienced kindergarten teachers fine-tune their classroom management strategies. Learn research and brain-based ways to gain and keep attention, stop behaviors before they escalate, and reduce and respond to common challenges we face.

A-3: Building a Community of Learners … Literature and Activities to Encourage Class Unity – Carolyn McMahon

Create a classroom that works and learns together through quality read-alouds and simple, connected classroom activities. There are multiple ways to reduce the management of students in an active and diverse classroom. Why not select quality literature titles that address some of those important needs? Create a classroom that welcomes each and every student, each and every day.

70–Minute Sessions • 10:40 – 11:50 am

CHOOSE ONE: A-4 or A-5

A-4: Get an Outstanding Start to the New Year – Sue Holt

Learn exciting techniques for making the first 30 days in kindergarten as smooth as possible. Discover timesaving tips and curricular ideas to enhance your students’ learning from the first day. Learn ways to build relationships with families and establish powerful classroom routines that will make your first month of school fabulous!

A-5: Math and Literacy … Best Books to Read and Teach Math – Carolyn McMahon

Discover some of the top read-alouds for teaching your Kindergartners about Counting, Operations and Algebraic Thinking, Number and Operations in Base Ten, Measurement and Data, and Geometry. Receive hands-on, ready-to-implement activities in reading, writing and mathematics.

Lunch break on your own • 11:50 am – 1:00 pm (A great time to network with colleagues!)
Day One

AFTERNOON SESSIONS • 1:00 - 3:30 pm

Choose ONE Full Afternoon Session OR TWO 70-Minute Sessions

One mid-afternoon break

Full Afternoon Session • 1:00 – 3:30 pm

B-1: Timesaving Math Work Stations – Carolyn McMahon

Yes … Math CAN be fun for everyone! Math Work Stations allow us to address a variety of kindergarten math standards in a more independent setting. Activities vary from simple to complex, abstract to concrete, and structured to open-ended. Receive dozens of ready-to-implement work stations that can be used in your classroom.

First 70–Minute Afternoon Sessions 1:00 – 2:10 pm

CHOOSE ONE: B-2 or B-3

B-2: Learn Through Powerful Play the Kindergarten Way – Sue Holt

Boost students’ vocabulary, reading, writing, science, and math skills using developmentally appropriate play-based centers while meeting and exceeding kindergarten standards. Your students will blossom socially and academically in these easy-to-implement learning centers that challenge and support all ability levels. Discover easy ways to assess and document play-based learning.

B-3: Drawing, Dictating, and Writing, Oh My! – Sheri Sutterley

Engage your children in art through guided drawing, dictating their story and then writing independently. This session will lead you through the entire year with the steps in “follow me draw” with your kindergarten children. Literature, music and room environment ideas will be a bonus for this powerful teaching technique.

Second 70–Minute Afternoon Sessions 2:20 pm – 3:30 pm

CHOOSE ONE: B-4 or B-5

B-4: Terrific Technology Tools to Accelerate Kindergarten Writing – Sue Holt

Utilize the technology you have available to get every student engaged in writing for a purpose. Create a climate where each student is an author and has the tools they need to draw, dictate and write to meet expectations.

B-5: Full STEAM Ahead … Integrating Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math – Sheri Sutterley

Are you ready to blend science, art and Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS)? From building ice castles to observing the effects of the sun to constructing bridges as beginning engineers, learn to develop a sense of wonder and creativity with the children in your class. Discover hands-on ways to integrate STEAM into your classroom.

Who is BER?

The Bureau of Education & Research is North America’s leading presenter of seminar training for professional educators. Our goal is to provide high-quality PD programs, based on sound research, with an emphasis on practical strategies and techniques that can be immediately implemented.

… “Effective” “Wonderful” “Engaging” “Outstanding” …
Day Two

MORNING SESSIONS • 8:30 – 11:15 am

Choose ONE Full Afternoon Session OR TWO 75-Minute Sessions

One mid-morning break

**Full Morning Session • 8:30 – 11:15 am**

**C-1: STEAM through Kindergarten – Sue Holt 🤖**

Have fun learning new, engaging activities that will challenge your students to use and strengthen their science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics skills. Discover simple and powerful lessons embedded with meaningful learning that are easy to plan and use! This hands-on session will give you the ideas, knowledge and tools you’ll need to meet the Next Generation Science Standards while teaching your students to be creative, innovative and collaborate with peers to solve challenges.

11:15 am – 12:30 pm • Lunch Break (on your own)
A great time to network with colleagues!

**Extensive Kindergarten Resource Handbook**

“The resource handbook with all the materials from ALL the sessions is TERRIFIC!”
– Kaci Kearns, Gearing, NE

Handbook includes materials for ALL sessions, even those you don’t attend:
- Model lessons and activities
- Early literacy strategies and activities
- Ways to develop and manage math and literacy centers
- Activities to help your struggling kindergartners
- The best websites and apps for kindergarten students

… “Reality-based” “Validating” “Awesome” “Fabulous” “Dynamic” …
Conference Locations & Hotel Accommodations

ST. LOUIS offers a wide variety of cultural and recreational activities. Wander through the St. Louis Art Museum or visit the famous Gateway Arch.

Overnight accommodations:
Clayton Plaza Hotel – Clayton
(314) 726-5400

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SEATTLE offers a diverse array of opportunities. Among the most popular urban attractions are the Space Needle, Pike Place Market and Woodland Park Zoo.

Overnight accommodations:
Red Lion – Bellevue
(425) 455-5240

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Day Two

AFTERNOON SESSIONS • 12:30 pm - 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: Beyond Worksheets: Make Math Engaging, Meaningful and Fun!  
– Sue Holt

Get hands-on and discover powerful new math games and activities to help your students achieve. Discover new ideas for teaching numeracy, fluency, problem solving, and data skills. Receive a toolkit of games and activities to help students practice counting skills, cardinality, patterning, recognize and write numbers, and much more!

D-2: Timesaving Literacy Work Stations  
– Carolyn McMahon

Read, read, read, and read some more! Learn how to create work stations that encourage writing and reading. Using quality and classic children’s literature, we will focus on listening, speaking, reading, and writing activities that are easy to implement and require minimal preparation.

D-3: Fe-Fi-Kinder Fun … Keep the Classics Alive!  
– Sheri Sutterley

Get ready for some Fe-Fi-Kinder fun! Expose a whole new generation of children to the classics! This session will include ways to sing, dramatize, create, read, and write the classic tales, nursery rhymes and poetry throughout the year.

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

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

D-4: iPads, Tablets and Chromebooks, Oh My!  
– Sue Holt

You have the technology – now what? Learn kindergarten-tested tips for using technology in the classroom to engage students in meaningful learning. Discover new ways to differentiate for struggling and advanced learners, and how to access resources to more easily meet the needs of every student. We’ll explore the best of the best apps and websites for kindergartners and teachers.

D-5: Kindergarten Writing with Text Types  
– Carolyn McMahon

Make writing the three types of text easier for your kindergarten students. The best ideas, valuable topics and even works stations you can use with opinion, informative/explanatory and narrative text types. A huge bonus … Literature titles that demonstrate each of the three text types and great ideas for using these books in your classroom.

D-6: A Recipe for Learning with Math Connections  
– Sheri Sutterley

Count, measure, mix, add, and enjoy a weekly center focused on healthy snacks you can integrate into your literacy centers. Over the year, students will add a new recipe each week to their recipe book. Students will build, record and illustrate their work each week. A delicious session!
Registration (NAK7M1)
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  Both days:  ☐ July 24 and 25, 2017
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I’d like to order the CD version of the related seminar, Developing an Outstanding KINDERGARTEN CLASSROOM: Practical, Innovative Strategies for Strengthening the Quality of Your Kindergarten Program, by Andy Baumgartner, $99.00 plus $9.00 shipping; for WA state deliveries, please add 9.5% sales tax to the total amount (Stock #A-KGB-1928).

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