2019 Kindergarten Conference

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Strategies to Take Back to Your Classroom!

Meet Your Team of Expert Instructors

**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!

**LINDA KLOTZ** is an outstanding presenter with extensive experience as a kindergarten teacher. She has presented nationally for school districts and at primary grades conferences and seminars. She is currently in the classroom, so all her ideas have been tested and proven to work. Linda’s sessions are dynamic, innovative and filled with easy-to-implement, practical ideas perfect for kindergarten classrooms.

**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 extensive 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.

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*In a word: What participants say …*
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: let’s kick off a great two days together as we 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

Full Morning Session • 9:15 – 11:50 am

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 the required expectations? Discover teacher-friendly, timesaving tips for organizing, managing and implementing centers that motivate, engage and support your kindergarten students. Explore a variety of center management techniques to meet your teaching style. Come and experience literacy centers in ACTION!

A-2: The Building Blocks of Play-Based Math Learning
– Carolyn McMahon

Creating, counting, adding, measuring … How can kindergarten teachers implement quality play with the math standards? Gain insight into the basics of play-based learning through hands-on, minds-on math. Discover play-based activities you can use tomorrow.

A-3: Even Scientists Read and Write!
Integrating Literacy into STEM
– Linda Klotz

How can I fit it all in? Integration! Let’s explore great ways to integrate kindergarten literacy skills your students need most into your STEM activities. Come and discover fun, highly engaging ways to immerse your kindergarten students in once-a-week STEM activities that help to bridge their literacy skills and help you to have the time to “fit it all in!”

A-4: Optimize Your Kindergarten Classroom Culture
– Carolyn McMahon

Create a classroom culture of unity and collaboration. Decrease your need to manage student behavior and increase prosocial, kind and responsible behavior. Experience notable literature titles and quality mini-lessons you can use to encourage appropriate manners, true thoughtfulness, natural kindness, and sharing of ideas and materials to create an optimal kindergarten learning environment.

Lunch break on your own • 11:50 am – 1:05 pm (A great time to network with colleagues!)

70–Minute Sessions • 9:15 – 10:25 am

CHOOSE ONE: A-2 or A-3

A-4: Optimize Your Kindergarten Classroom Culture – Carolyn McMahon

“An outstanding conference! I am totally re-energized and loaded with new ideas.”
– Daniele Covotosos, Kindergarten Teacher

… “Energetic” “Fun!!” “Practical” “Refreshing” “Inspirational” …
Day One

AFTERNOON SESSIONS • 1:05 - 3:35 pm

Choose ONE Full Afternoon Session OR TWO 70-Minute Sessions
One mid-afternoon break

Full Afternoon Session • 1:05 – 3:35 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 ideal for kindergarten classrooms.

First 70–Minute Afternoon Sessions
1:05 – 2:15 pm

CHOOSE ONE: B-2 or B-3

B-2: What Are All the Other Students Doing When I am With a Small Group?
– Linda Klotz

Learn practical ways to make the most of your students’ independent literacy time. No matter whether you use stations, centers or a literacy workshop, you’ll learn proven management techniques and practical, engaging activities that will help your kindergartners develop their literacy independence, so that you can work more effectively 1:1 or with small groups.

B-3: Fe-Fi-Kinder Fun … Keeping the Classics Alive! – Sheri Sutterley

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

Second 70–Minute Afternoon Sessions
2:25 – 3:35 pm

CHOOSE ONE: B-4 or B-5

B-4: Creating a Powerful Writer’s Workshop in Kindergarten
– Linda Klotz

Discover NEW, fun ways to get your kindergartners’ enthusiastically writing! Gain a host of age-appropriate, practical ideas for helping students meet kindergarten literacy expectations. Take away a wealth of mini-lessons designed specifically to enhance the skills of your kindergarten writers.

B-5: Making Math Meaningful with Number Sense
– Sheri Sutterley

From whole class to small group instruction, math needs to be experienced! Engage your students in number talks, rekenreks, number bonds, subitizing, and a variety of meaningful math strategies to help students meet kindergarten expectations. Experience “Math Workshop” in action!

Can’t Attend? Online Professional Development Option:

A related On Demand Video-Based Online Learning course, Increase All Your Students’ Learning with Practical, Timesaving Work Stations, for Grades PK-K, is available for immediate registration. To enroll, visit www.ber.org/onlinelearning.

Who is BER?

The Bureau of Education & Research is North America’s leading presenter of 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.

“Wonderful spending these past two days with other teachers who know why I’m in love with 5-year-olds! Terrific, practical ideas I can’t wait to use!”
– Jan Oyster, Kindergarten Teacher
Day Two

MORNING SESSIONS • 8:30 – 11:15 am

Choose ONE Full Morning Session OR TWO 75-Minute Sessions
One mid-morning break

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

C-1: Math Centers: Independent Practice to Increase Kindergartners’ Learning and Engagement – Linda Klotz

Come learn how to set up your classroom and introduce math centers that are engaging and help reinforce your kindergartners’ math skills. Activities will be shared to address all math strands. Differentiation strategies will be shared.

First 75–Minute Morning Sessions
8:30 – 9:45 am

CHOOSE ONE: C-2 or C-3

C-2: The Best STEAM Literature Throughout the Kindergarten Year! – Carolyn McMahon

Experience multiple book talks, inspiring resources, simple quick-start lessons and projects. Discover new and classic titles you can use throughout the school year as your kindergarten students experience and experiment, create and produce, and learn through play and participation in STEAM activities. Receive a valuable STEAM titles bibliography.

C-3: Bound to Read: Creating Books to Enhance Literacy Skills – Sheri Sutterley

How can we help children develop and practice literacy skills throughout the year? We’ll create and record samples of take-home books you can implement in your class immediately. The books focus on sight words, concepts of print, fiction, non-fiction, poetry, and other genres. Motivate your children in reading and writing books they can take home to increase their reading skills. Let’s get your kindergartners excited about reading!

Second 75–Minute Morning Sessions
10:00 – 11:15 am

CHOOSE ONE: C-4 or C-5

C-4: 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 work 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.

C-5: Putting the Kindergarten Literacy Puzzle Together … Child by Child! – Sheri Sutterley

Today’s kindergarten classrooms have so many literacy pieces to introduce to children each and every day. We’ll link together shared and guided reading, sight word work, running records, and various key writing strategies to form a clear picture of what literacy should look like in your kindergarten classroom. You’ll learn great ways to fit each piece of the literacy puzzle together to best meet the needs of your individual kindergartners.

11:15 am – 12:30 pm • Lunch Break (on your own)

On-Site Training

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Comprehensive Kindergarten Resource Handbook

You will receive an extensive resource handbook, specifically designed for this conference. Included in the handbook are resource materials for ALL conference sessions, even those you don’t attend. These materials include:

• Model lessons and activities
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• Activities to help your struggling kindergartners
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Stoney Creek Hotel – Independence
(816) 908-9600

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Seattle
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Conference location and overnight accommodations:
Hilton – Bellevue
(425) 455-1300

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Day Two

AFTERNOON SESSIONS • 12:30 - 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: Powerful Whole Group Instruction with Connecting Centers – Carolyn McMahon

Handicap

In this idea-packed session, learn how to impact and keep all your students actively engaged during a variety of group lessons, including read alouds, songs, journaling, drawing, and exit notes! Discover how practical, timesaving, classroom-proven centers will extend and support whole group learning through added practice that will jumpstart learning in your kindergarten classroom.

D-2: Vocabulary Development Through Fiction and Non-Fiction Texts – Linda Klotz

Handicap

Discover how your kindergartners can become word detectives through daily read-alouds as they learn to look closely at fiction and non-fiction texts. Explore many activities you can easily use that are designed to increase kindergarten students’ vocabulary and increase the transfer of these words into students’ daily writing.

D-3: Full STEAM Ahead … Integrating Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math – Sheri Sutterley

Handicap

Are you ready to blend science, technology, engineering, art and math? From building ice castles and 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 kindergarten classroom.

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

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

D-4: The Kindergarten Reading and Writing Connection – Carolyn McMahon

Handicap

As we review the 10 best practices of reading and writing, we will explore developmentally appropriate strategies for responding to literature through reading, writing and drawing. Utilize mini-lessons, whole and small group activities, and writing words to make everything come together for our kindergartners.

D-5: Talk it Out! Build Number Sense and Teach Key Math Concepts with Number Talks – Linda Klotz

Handicap

Discover fun and exciting ways to build number sense and introduce key math concepts to your kindergartners. Help your students develop key math skills vital for a sound mathematical foundation. Explore these highly practical, standards-aligned ideas that are sure to strengthen your kindergartners’ understanding in math.

D-6: Drawing, Dictating, and Writing, Oh My! – Sheri Sutterley

Handicap

Engage and increase students’ comprehension of their learning through guided drawing, dictating stories and then writing independently. This technique adds meaning to the topics that your students have been taught. This session will lead you through the entire year with the steps in guided or directed drawing with your kindergarten children. Literature, music and room environment ideas will be a bonus for this powerful teaching technique.

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DAY 1
☐ One Full Morning Session: A-1 – OR – ☐ Two 70-Minute Morning Sessions
   - A- (A-2 or A-3) – and – A- (A-4 or A-5)

☐ Two 70-Minute Afternoon Sessions
   - B- (B-2 or B-3) – and – B- (B-4 or B-5)

☐ One Full Afternoon Session: B-1 – OR – ☐ Two 75-Minute Afternoon Sessions
   - C- (C-2 or C-3) – and – C- (C-4 or C-5)

DAY 2
☐ One Full Morning Session: C-1 – OR – ☐ Two 75-Minute Morning Sessions
   - C- (C-2 or C-3) – and – C- (C-4 or C-5)

☐ Two 75-Minute Afternoon Sessions
   - D- (D-4, D-5 or D-6)

Cancellation/Substitutions:
100% of your paid registration fee will be refunded if you can’t attend and notify us at least 10 days before the conference. Late cancellations will be refunded less a $15 service fee. Substitutions may be made at any time without charge.
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