

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!

70-Minute Sessions • 9:15 – 10:25 am

CHOOSE ONE: A-2 or A-3

A-2: Simply the Best Tips and Tricks for a Successful Kindergarten Year! – Sue Holt

Learn exciting techniques for helping your kindergarten classroom run as smoothly as possible. Discover timesaving tips and curricular ideas to enhance your students’ learning. Learn novel ways to build relationships with families and establish powerful classroom routines that will maximize the success of your kindergarten students and program!

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!”

70-Minute Sessions • 10:40 – 11:50 am

CHOOSE ONE: A-4 or A-5

A-4: 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.

A-5: Making Math Make Sense for Your Kindergarten Students – Linda Klotz

  Help your students develop a love for math while deepening their understanding of key math concepts. Learn quick, easy-to-implement, effective ways to help your kindergartners strengthen the mathematical skills they need most. You’ll leave with a wide variety of innovative, developmentally appropriate math activities that you can use right away!

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



*“An outstanding conference!
I am totally re-energized
and loaded with
new ideas.”*

– Daniele Covotsos, Chicago, IL

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“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, Delaware, OH

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.

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: 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.

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:



Related Online Course

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

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: 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.

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: 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 respond to common challenges we face.

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.

Comprehensive 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
- Early literacy strategies and activities
- Ways to develop and manage math and literacy centers
- Activities to help your struggling kindergartners
- The best, most current kindergarten ideas and strategies



Team Discount

ONE DAY

One Person: \$269

BOTH DAYS

One person: \$449

**Team of 3+: \$429 per person
when registered at the same time.**



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

On-Site Training

Conferences like this one along with many other topics can be brought to your school or district. Please view all of our On-Site offerings at www.ber.org/onsite or call 877-857-8964 to speak to one of our On-Site Training Consultants.



Conference Locations & Hotel Accommodations



Rochester

Enjoy a myriad of nearby shopping and dining opportunities. As well as a wide variety of cultural and recreational activities including the Strong National Museum of Play or The George Eastman Museum and more.

Conference location and overnight accommodations:

Radisson – Airport
(585) 475-1910

Mention you are attending this BER conference prior to February 10, 2019 to receive the special rate of \$99 (Single/Double), rates subject to availability.



Boston

Many sightseeing opportunities including the world renown Museum of Fine Arts, the Isabella Stewart Museum, the Freedom Trail through Boston's historic sites, or a boat cruise on the Charles River.

Conference location and overnight accommodations:

Four Points By Sheraton – Wakefield
(781) 245-9300

Mention you are attending this BER conference prior to February 12, 2019 to receive the special rate of \$109 (Single/Double), rates subject to availability.

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: Beyond Worksheets: Make Kindergarten Math Engaging, Meaningful and Fun! – Sue Holt



Get hands-on and discover powerful new math games and activities to help your kindergartners 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: Vocabulary Development Through Fiction and Non-Fiction Texts – Linda Klotz

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



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: 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.

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



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



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.

Program Guarantee

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