

Day One

Keynote • 8:30 – 9:05 am

“I am a Kindergarten Teacher ... I am in Charge of Every Celebration!”

– Carolyn McMahon

Do YOU remember YOUR kindergarten classroom? Chances are it doesn't look quite the same anymore! These changing and exciting academic times pack today's kindergarten classroom with many “firsts” to “lasts” as we work our magic with our young learners. A kindergarten teacher's lessons and a kindergarten student's learning are celebrations each and every day. Join Carolyn as she highlights the many ways kindergarten teachers celebrate the numerous milestones of our kindergartners' learning journey ... Be prepared for some surprises as you may discover some events you've never thought to celebrate before!

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: Powerful Whole Group Instruction with Connecting Centers – Carolyn McMahon



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.

70-Minute Sessions • 9:15 – 10:25 am

CHOOSE ONE: A-2 or A-3

A-2: 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!

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: Making Literacy Centers Work for You and Your Kindergarten Students

– Sheri Sutterley



Are you looking for NEW ways to incorporate centers or work stations 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-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!)



“It was great to attend a conference designed just for kindergarten teachers. The presenters were very friendly and knowledgeable.”

– Jessica Stratton,
Kindergarten Teacher

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"This conference was everything I have been looking and waiting for! I'm leaving with so many new ideas to add in my classroom. Friendly presenters full of suggestions!"

– Sandi Gale, Kindergarten Teacher

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

CHOOSE ONE: B-2 or B-3

B-2: 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.

B-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 70-Minute Afternoon Sessions 2:25 – 3:35 pm

CHOOSE ONE: B-4 or B-5

B-4: 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.

B-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 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.

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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: 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.

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

CHOOSE ONE: C-2 or C-3

C-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.

C-3: 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.

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

CHOOSE ONE: C-4 or C-5

C-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.

C-5: Timesaving Kindergarten 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.

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



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- 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



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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: 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!

D-2: The Kindergarten Reading and Writing Connection

– *Carolyn McMahon*

  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-3: 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.

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

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

D-4: 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.

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.

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