

## Keynote • 8:30 - 9:05 am

### “The Rhyme and Rhythm of Teaching First and Second Graders!”

– Diane Murphy

On our journey of teaching first and second graders, it’s important to keep a poem in your pocket and a song in your heart! Robert Frost once said, “A poem begins in delight and ends in wisdom.” Isn’t that what teaching students is all about? Our days are delightful journeys filled with rhyme and rhythm, resulting in celebration and learning as our first and second graders become successful students. Join Diane as she shares the grace, emotion, beauty, and humor that can happen every day in your first and second grade classroom!

## 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: Increase Your First and Second Graders’ Reading Skills through GUIDED READING and Flexible Grouping** – Diane Murphy

Guided reading and flexible reading group instruction is designed to provide *differentiated teaching* that supports students in developing reading skills and strategies to help them read independently and fluently. Diane will share dozens of practical strategies you can use or adapt to meet the needs of your own students and fit in with your own guided reading program. Ideas you can use!

### 70-Minute Sessions • 9:15 – 10:25 am

#### **CHOOSE ONE: A-2 or A-3**

##### **A-2: Fun, Practical Subitizing Strategies to Help First and Second Graders Gain Important Number Concepts**

– Sherri Adler

Without fluency in subitizing, unitizing and counting on, place value will make little to no sense for our young students. In this hands-on session, you will take away easy, fun and ready-to-use strategies to help your students develop and build subitizing skills that are vital to understanding key number concepts.

##### **A-3: Powerful, Strategic and Fun Ways to Increase the Writing Fluency of Your First and Second Grade Students** – Gale Pukall

Learn new, best practice teaching strategies to increase your first and second graders’ writing fluency. Gale will share outstanding scaffolding techniques that are time-efficient and teacher-friendly. These ready-to-use strategies will get your students writing more and with greater confidence!

### 70-Minute Sessions • 10:40 – 11:50 am

#### **CHOOSE ONE: A-4 or A-5**

##### **A-4: Innovative and Meaningful Literacy Work Stations: Get Your First and Second Graders Actively Engaged in Purposeful Work** – Gale Pukall

In this fast-paced session, you will discover new, updated activities and materials for your literacy work stations! Strengthen students’ literacy growth using these outstanding, classroom-tested centers that are easy to prepare, inexpensive and fun for first and second graders!

##### **A-5: What Works to Strengthen First and Second Graders’ Math Problem-Solving Skills** – Sherri Adler

In order to help our students solve problems, we need to give them the tools and strategies to get them started. This session will give you the most common and useful heuristics students can use in order to start making sense of problems and best ways to tackle math problem solving.

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



“I love the variety of teaching and learning strategies that can be used tomorrow!”

– Christina Rapacchietta,  
2nd Grade 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: Practical Work Stations to Increase ALL Students' Learning While Saving You Time!**

– *Gale Pukall*

You won't want to miss this idea-packed session where you will discover how you can work smarter, not harder as you use work stations to give you time to teach small groups and give your students opportunities to practice and apply math and literacy skills. Learn practical and timesaving strategies to help you plan, organize and incorporate work stations that engage students as they practice with purpose. All of the ideas are easy to prepare and involve free or low-cost materials!

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

#### **CHOOSE ONE: B-2 or B-3**

#### **B-2: Simple, Highly Effective Fluency Strategies to Greatly Increase First and Second Graders' Reading Skills**

– *Diane Murphy*

Discover practical and easy ways to engage students in fluency-building activities that will increase their reading and comprehension skills. Learn how easy and fun it can be to boost students' fluency levels and build their confidence when reading text. All the strategies can be used immediately when you return to your first or second grade classroom!

#### **B-3: Unlock the Power of Mental Math! Creative and Fun Ways to Teach Students to Manipulate Numbers Mentally**

– *Sherri Adler*

When our first and second grade students learn they can do math in their heads, their confidence and fluency with numbers grows! Learn how you can develop and strengthen mental math skills that will accelerate number manipulation and strengthen students' understanding of math concepts.

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

#### **CHOOSE ONE: B-4 or B-5**

#### **B-4: Best Children's Literature and How to Use it in Your First and Second Grade Classroom** – *Diane Murphy*

Join Diane for a session filled with her favorite children's books along with strategies and activities for using them to jumpstart and develop reading, writing, listening, and speaking skills. Leave with a list of books and a toolbox of strategies to add new life to your classroom!

#### **B-5: Measuring Doesn't Always Measure Up! Practical Strategies to Teach Measurement to First and Second Graders** – *Sherri Adler*

What do length, weight, area, and volume mean to our first and second grade students and how can we make these abstract concepts concrete? Go beyond estimation and approximation to help strengthen student understanding. Hands-on, practical ideas you can use immediately!



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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: Dozens of Math Activities to Strengthen First and Second Graders' Number Sense, Fact Fluency and Problem Solving** – *Sherri Adler*

Join Sherri for a fun and interactive session where you will discover numerous strategies and activities to explore, practice and strengthen your students' math fluency in number sense, addition, subtraction, facts, and problem solving. All can be adapted to meet the varying levels of students in your class and can be used in small groups or in partners. Pick and choose what will work for you!

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

#### **CHOOSE ONE: C-2 or C-3**

### **C-2: Practical and Vital Strategies to Teach the Building Blocks of Reading Words to First and Second Graders**

– *Diane Murphy*

Syllabication is the foundation students need to pronounce new or hard words, understand the different sounds of vowels, spell words correctly, and increase reading skills. Join Diane to learn six key rules and strategies you can teach your students and see immediate results in their ability to decode, spell and read more fluently. Practical and ready-to-use ideas!

### **C-3: New Ideas for Assessing Student Work: Innovative, Authentic Strategies for First and Second Grades** – *Gale Pukall*

Utilize powerful, classroom-tested assessment strategies designed specifically for first and second grade. Take home formative and summative assessment ideas that will help you more easily identify students' strengths and weaknesses along with practical ideas for better helping parents understand what their children know, are able to do and what is next.

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

#### **CHOOSE ONE: C-4 or C-5**

### **C-4: Creating Word Wizards! Vivacious and Vital Vocabulary Strategies Perfect for First and Second Grade Students**

– *Diane Murphy*

Research has shown that students with large vocabularies have greater success in reading and writing. Discover numerous practical ideas and activities that will enhance your reading and writing programs through the study of words. Your students will develop a new curiosity and enjoyment of words with these strategies and games while building their literacy skills at the same time.

### **C-5: Keep Your First and Second Graders Actively Engaged While You Teach Guided Math Groups** – *Gale Pukall*

During this fast-paced session, you will learn a variety of practical activities and lessons to engage first and second graders while you work with small guided math groups. Gale will demonstrate a wealth of differentiated and diverse activities including center ideas, partner work and individual math practice that will keep your students actively improving on the math skills they need!

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

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- Specific math teaching strategies to help your students meet your math standards
- Model lessons and activities in writing for first and second graders
- Assessment techniques, samples and tools perfect for first and second grade students
- A wealth of children's literature titles perfect for first and second graders
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# Day Two

## AFTERNOON SESSIONS • 12:30 – 3:10 pm

Choose **ONE** Full Afternoon Session OR **TWO** 75-Minute Afternoon Sessions  
*One mid-afternoon break*

### Full Afternoon Session • 12:30 – 3:10 pm

#### **D-1: Practical, Cutting-Edge Writing Strategies to Strengthen Your First and Second Graders’ Writing** – *Diane Murphy*

Get your first and second grade students writing more and with more enthusiasm using practical and easy writing strategies. Watch your writing program take on a new life! You’ll receive dozens of ideas and activities to make writing an easier task for all your students – even the struggling writers. Discover strategies that are ready to use and will motivate your students to write daily!

First 75-Minute  
Afternoon Sessions  
12:30 – 1:45 pm

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

#### **CHOOSE ONE: D-2 or D-3**

#### **D-2: Exciting STEM Ideas and Activities Perfect for First or Second Grade Classrooms** – *Gale Pukall*

Whether you are new to using STEM in your first or second grade classroom or are currently implementing, this highly practical session will give you innovative ideas that are both fun and easy to add into what you are already doing. Learn simple, hands-on projects, lessons and techniques that will get students excited about Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math and meet the STEM skills our students need!

#### **D-3: Practical Strategies to Implement and Strengthen Math Talks in First and Second Grade** – *Sherri Adler*

Come and learn the specific steps for implementing highly effective math talks that really engage students in meaningful questioning, listening and thinking about math concepts. Sherri will give you ideas to more easily incorporate math talks into your math time. Ideas you can immediately use!

#### **CHOOSE ONE: D-4 or D5**

#### **D-4: Powerful Intervention Strategies to Help Students Struggling with Emergent Math Skills in First and Second Grade** – *Gale Pukall*

Discover new and innovative ways to identify and address students’ math strengths and areas of need. Learn practical, yet powerful math interventions that work well in small groups and student partner teams. Ideas you will be able to implement right away in your own first or second grade classroom.

#### **D-5: Fractions without Fears! Start Students Off Right with Fractions to Avoid Future Fear** – *Sherri Adler*

What part of fractions should we teach first and second grade students? Build students’ fraction number sense with these strategies and activities. Use fraction models and more to start students off right with fractions and help avoid the fear of fractions in the future. Ideas that work!