

Keynote • 8:30 – 9:05 am

“It’s All Good!” Lessons from Pete the Cat – Gale Pukall

Pete the Cat has decided to become a teacher. Join Gale Pukall as she introduces you to some of Pete’s students – they may remind you of someone you have seen in your own first or second grade classroom! Whether Pete is wearing white shoes or his groovy sunglasses, he will prove to all of us that “it’s all good!”

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: 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 first grade and second grade 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!

70-Minute Sessions • 9:15 – 10:25 am

CHOOSE ONE: A-2 or A-3

A-2: Get Your Students Writing with Purpose Through Learning Logs

– Beth Knoedelseder

Learning Logs are ideal for motivating your students to think about their learning, write, draw and label their thinking and then use it to see growth in both writing and learning. See how you can easily incorporate Learning Logs to assess and teach your first and second graders to write with a real purpose in mind.

A-3: Practical Strategies for Teaching Number Sense – The Key to Teaching All Other Math Concepts – Lee Anne Coester

Join Lee Anne for this high-need session to learn strategies to strengthen students’ understanding of key number concepts, including our base 10 system, place value, subitizing, estimation and how these apply to counting, comparing numbers, addition, subtraction and more. We’ll cover the critical whole number concepts our first and second grade students need to know.

70-Minute Sessions • 10:40 – 11:50 am

CHOOSE ONE: A-4 or A-5

A-4: Using Origami and Foldables to Create Hands-On Learning

– Beth Knoedelseder

Join Beth for a hands-on, make-and-take session where you will discover easy and ready-to-use paper folding activities to bring learning to 3-D life! You and your first and second grade students will love the simplicity of using paper to strengthen learning, follow sequential steps, retell stories, and create a product all students will be proud to take home and share!

A-5: Differentiating Mathematics Instruction – Tips to Simplify Your Planning and Instruction

– Lee Anne Coester

What are the Universal Teaching Strategies that make differentiating instruction so much easier? Discover lesson planning tips that automatically differentiate for the varied groups in your classrooms – struggling, gifted, behavior issues, ELL, multiple intelligences, and more. We’ll apply these strategies to actual teaching situations in first and second grade to bring them to life.



*“So many fun ideas!
I cannot wait to use
these activities in my
classroom tomorrow!”*

– Stephanie Coupland,
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 Ideas to Increase First and Second Graders' Math Fact Fluency

– *Lee Anne Coester*

Go beyond flash cards and timed tests and teach addition and subtraction facts conceptually. We'll discuss the best order in which to teach facts, how to help students learn new facts based on facts they already know, and strategies that lead to long-term retention. Games, activities, manipulatives, and an easy, effective assessment method that enhances both enjoyment and learning will be shared.

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

CHOOSE ONE: B-2 or B-3

B-2: Practical Strategies and Ideas for Using Poetry to Reinforce First and Second Graders' Learning – *Beth Knoedelseder*

Poetry offers dozens of learning opportunities for first and second graders! Discover how to spend just a few minutes a day and reap great benefits to strengthen learning of content material, reinforce routines and make transitions quicker and smoother. You won't want to miss this session filled with easy and ready-to-use ideas along with numerous poems ready for use in your own first and second grade classroom!

B-3: 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!

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

CHOOSE ONE: B-4 or B-5

B-4: 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. Outstanding scaffolding techniques that are time-efficient and teacher-friendly will be shared. These ready-to-use strategies will get your students writing more and with greater confidence!

B-5: Practical Strategies to Accelerate Your First and Second Graders' Vocabulary – The Key to Comprehension – *Beth Knoedelseder*

It has been proven that students with a larger vocabulary experience greater success in reading. Learn valuable strategies to increase all your students' vocabulary, especially those students who come to school with much fewer words in their bank. See how you can not only teach new words, but get first and second grade students using them in their conversations and in their writing!



“Great activities and resources that can be easily implemented in first and second grade classrooms!”

– Chelsie DeRossett,
1st Grade Teacher



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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: Strengthen Your Literacy Block: Practical Strategies for Organizing Your Literacy Block to Include the Key Areas for Learning to Read – *Beth Knoedelseder*

Beth will share her favorite student-proven strategies, ideas and resources to help you make small changes for big results in your first and second grade literacy block. This session will focus on essential skills and hands-on activities to help you work smarter, not harder, to increase all your students' reading skills!

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

CHOOSE ONE: C-2 or C-3

C-2: 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!

C-3: Get Your First and Second Graders Problem Solving! Outstanding Strategies to Help Your Students Tackle Word Problems – *Lee Anne Coester*

Throughout all state standards are found the words "Solve real-world problems," "Compute in the context of real-world problems," and "Represent real-world problems." The not-so-subtle message says we need to "make it real" for our students. Join Lee Anne to learn about models and strategies that simplify problem solving, how to use problem posing, and ways to enhance your problem solving lessons with group work and calculators.

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

CHOOSE ONE: C-4 or C-5

C-4: 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.

C-5: Creating a Math Growth Mindset – A Goal for All Teachers and Students – *Lee Anne Coester*

What is the difference between a Growth Mindset and a Fixed Mindset and why is this some of the most important educational research in decades? Join Lee Anne to learn how to incorporate these fascinating ideas into your own first or second grade classroom including: learning does not equate with speed; if you're not struggling you're not learning; there is no such thing as a 'math brain'; and the power of "YET". Receive specific suggestions and great resources to strengthen and build a math Growth Mindset in your classroom.

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

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- Math and literacy workstation tips and tools
- Resources to help make differentiation doable in first and second grade
- Ready-to-use resources for narrowing the achievement gap in first and second grades



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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 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-2: Full STEAM Ahead! Integrating STEAM into Your First and Second Grade Classroom – *Beth Knoedelseder*

Learn how you can integrate STEAM while developing curiosity, wonder and creativity in your students. Activities, projects and engaging ideas to bring STEAM into your first and second grade classroom with free or low-cost materials!

D-3: Using Manipulatives and Activities to Incorporate Fun Into Teaching Geometry and Fractions

– *Lee Anne Coester*

Nothing is more fun to teach than geometry or fractions because of the great hands-on activities available for both. Spend this session with Lee Anne “playing” with the math tools that help students truly understand the basic concepts of 2D and 3D geometry – shapes, terms and attributes. We’ll also explore the myriad of activities and tools to aid students as they build that important foundation in fractions.

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

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

D-4: Great Math Literature Perfect for First and Second Grade: Connecting Mathematics to Reading

– *Lee Anne Coester*

There is never enough time to do it all! Enhancing your math lessons while teaching reading is one solution. Give real life to the math you are teaching by choosing books specifically written to support and enhance math lessons while applying reading skills appropriate for first and second grade. Take this “hands-on” opportunity to look through 28 of Lee Anne’s favorite math/literature books while discussing teaching strategies for their use.

D-5: Practical and Fun Ways for Building Fluency Skills in First and Second Grade – *Beth Knoedelseder*

Fluency is the bridge to comprehension! Learn a variety of powerful ways to motivate and engage students to help increase their reading fluency. Beth will share her favorite activities to help students boost their fluency and read with speed, accuracy and prosody!

D-6: 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!