

Keynote • 8:30 – 9:05 am

“Small Moves, Big Impact! How a Few Simple Strategies Can Dramatically Elevate Your Instruction” – Annemarie Johnson

Join Annemarie for an inspiring, upbeat and motivating keynote on how to increase student engagement to make your teaching really stick. It's all the little things we can do daily that add up to something big for our students.

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: Guided Math that Works! Practical Strategies Perfect for First and Second Grade Classrooms – Mary Peterson

Learn how to organize differentiated guided math groups based on continuous assessment and discover practical ideas for carefully planning small group, just-right math lessons to meet the needs of the diverse learners in your classroom. Receive dynamic and exciting ideas to bring your whole group guided math instruction to life by learning the most appropriate lessons to practice and teach skills to the whole group which will carry over into small group, guided math lessons.

70-Minute Sessions • 9:15 – 10:25 am

CHOOSE ONE: A-2 or A-3

A-2: Practical Fluency-Boosting Strategies to Strengthen Your First and Second Grade Reading Instruction

– Annemarie Johnson

Gather a wealth of classroom-tested, fluency-boosting strategies and step-by-step instructions for powerful fluency development lessons. Learn how to effectively model fluency and scaffold the fluency growth for struggling first and second grade readers.

A-3: 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!

70-Minute Sessions • 10:40 – 11:50 am

CHOOSE ONE: A-4 or A-5

A-4: Using Reading Assessments to Drive Instruction in Your First and Second Grade Classroom – Annemarie Johnson

Make the most of your reading assessments to boost students' skills in the specific areas they need. Look at a variety of assessment tools, ways to analyze data and how to best use that data to make better instructional decisions. Practical ideas you can use immediately for all levels of readers.

A-5: 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!



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– Kaitlin Kohler,
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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: Re-Thinking Small Group Guided Reading Instruction – *Annemarie Johnson*

Join Annemarie and look at a new way to be sure your small group guided reading instruction is having the greatest impact on student growth. This session will give you additional ways to differentiate, new ideas for flexible grouping and a menu of small group options that focus on specific skills students need. Leverage your small group instruction time by targeting exactly what students need to move their reading to the next level.

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

CHOOSE ONE: B-2 or B-3

B-2: Increase Students' Sight Word Recognition and Accelerate Their Vocabulary! Practical, Ready-to-Use Activities Just for First and Second Graders

– *Mary Peterson*

Increase phonics skills, sight word recognition, and vocabulary knowledge through these highly motivational games and activities ready for immediate use with your first and second grade students. You will leave with a wealth of great ideas and fun, engaging ways to greatly increase the number of words your students can read, understand the meaning of, and use in their own writing!

B-3: 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.

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

CHOOSE ONE: B-4 or B-5

B-4: 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!

B-5: Exciting Ways to Build Math Fluency and Understanding of Addition and Subtraction

– *Mary Peterson*

Gain a wealth of engaging ideas for whole group and small group lessons, workstations and exciting activities proven to maximize students' understanding, fluency and application of addition and subtraction. Learn how to help students apply these operations to word problems and real life situations. Enhance algebraic thinking with these practical and innovative ideas.



“Great conference that has provided me with new, exciting and engaging ideas. All of the instructors really knew their content.”

– Malley Stevenson,
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 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: Sight Words Made Simple

– *Annemarie Johnson*

Learn what brain research says about learning sight words. Annemarie will share reasons why many students struggle to learn sight words and what teachers can do about it. Walk away with practical tips for helping all students gain mastery and common pitfalls to avoid.

C-3: Strengthen Your Reading Instruction with the Very Best, Current Strategies for Teaching First and Second Graders to Read and Understand Literature and Informational Text – *Mary Peterson*

Come and learn the newest, most explicit strategies to greatly increase your students' comprehension skills. Several engaging literature and information books with accompanying focus lessons for comprehension based on your reading standards for first and second grade students will be shared. You won't want to miss this opportunity to gain a wealth of ideas guaranteed to help your students become motivated, proficient and independent readers!

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

CHOOSE ONE: C-4 or C-5

C-4: Engaging Math Centers Perfect for Students in First and Second Grade – *Mary Peterson*

In this engaging session, Mary will share how to plan and organize just-right math centers which will provide your students with meaningful, independent practice based on the standards, curriculum objectives and students' needs. Be prepared to view, create and play a variety of super fun, easy-to-implement games and activities to use in your grades one and two math centers which your students will absolutely love!

C-5: Classroom-Proven Spelling Strategies that Work!

– *Annemarie Johnson*

In this strategy-packed, interactive session you will learn how to assess your students' developmental spelling levels and build an outstanding spelling program that strengthens all of your first and second graders' spelling skills. Practical and research-based spelling strategies that work!

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

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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:

- Teaching strategies and activities for teaching first and second grade reading and writing skills
- 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
- iPad or popular mobile device ideas for classrooms with one or several devices
- Math and literacy work station 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



Conference Locations & Hotel Accommodations



MANCHESTER is located along the banks of the scenic Merrimack River and offers plenty of attractions and entertainment opportunities, including the historic Palace Theatre, the New Hampshire Institute of Art and shopping at the Mall of New Hampshire.

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The Falls Event Center
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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: Practical Strategies to Strengthen Your GUIDED READING GROUPS AND LITERACY CENTERS for First and Second Grade Classrooms

– *Mary Peterson*

Receive proven classroom strategies to organize, manage and differentiate flexible guided reading groups to better meet the needs of all your students – from the struggling to the highly capable. You will also receive a wealth of effective ideas for creating and managing timesaving and motivating literacy learning centers that reinforce the skills and concepts your students need to practice while you work with guided reading groups.

D-2: Practical Strategies to Strengthen Students' Opinion, Informational and Narrative Writing – *Annemarie Johnson*

Elevate your writing instruction to improve students' writing! You will leave this fast-paced session with a deeper understanding of the qualities of good writing along with practical strategies to bring back to your first or second grade classroom. Conferencing tools and tips will also be given.

D-3: 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!

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

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

D-4: Accelerate Your First and Second Graders' Reading Skills

– *Annemarie Johnson*

What's one thing we have research to prove works to accelerate reading skills in students? Reading aloud! Discover how you can take your read-alouds to the next level. Learn simple but high impact techniques for read-aloud rituals and accountable talk that can boost both student motivation and achievement especially for striving first and second grade readers.

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 Ways to Use Projects in Your First and Second Grade Math Program – *Mary Peterson*

Increase your students' love of math and empower students to explore math across the curriculum with a variety of highly motivating math projects. In this make-and-take session, you will learn how to incorporate a variety of engaging math projects into your guided math program and increase students' math skills in writing, vocabulary, team work, and problem solving.