

Early Education

Early Language & Literacy Strategies

3 hours, PS - K

We know that there is an indelible connection between language development, vocabulary, reading, and writing. We see in when our young ones play with words and experiment with language. In this workshop, we will look at creating an inviting environment in your classroom that promotes early language learning and a love for literature. We will focus on strategies for emergent readers and writers that foster life-long learning.

1, 2, 3 Preschool PE

3 hours, PS - 2

Every classroom should include Physical Development in the daily curriculum. Children make the most of their cognitive potential when their bodies grow and develop efficiently. Learn about Tension, Relaxation, Movement Skills, Balance, Laterality, Gross Motor and Fine Motor skills and how all of these “pre-academic” skills set our littlest students up for classroom success! This includes Developmentally appropriate practices from birth through age 8.

Mini Minds Matter

3 hours, PS - 2

Recent findings in neuroscience establish what those in early childhood education have known for years. Cognitive, emotional, and social capacities are intertwined throughout life and those who have established strong foundations early on will increase the likelihood of success as adults. In our short time together, we will explore the topics of brain research for the early education classroom & executive functioning skills.

Multiple Intelligence in Early Ed

3 hours, PS-2

Help young children grow and develop in all areas of multiple intelligences by learning how to provide a rich environment designed for exploration in math and logic, visual spatial, music, kinesthetics, inter and intrapersonal skills, verbal linguistic and naturalist areas. There are many ways to learn!

Inquiry Based Learning in Early Ed

3 hours, PS-2

Young children naturally bring curiosity, creativity and wonder to the early education classroom. An inquiry-based learning environment provides sensory rich activities and experiences where students can learn through exploration. The teacher's role shifts from direct instruction to guided inquiry where students explore topics, arrive at conclusions and learn through carefully crafted open-ended questions. This can help children be more focused and motivated! Join us in learning how to create and facilitate an inquiry-based classroom!

Early Learning with STEM

3 hours PS-2

Including Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math is less complicated than you think! And you don't need an iPad! Overcome your challenges and start teaching STEM with your youngest learners. Learn the principles of learning with STEM and walk away with specific strategies to use in your classroom today.

Let the Little Children Come

3 hours, PS-2

Guiding our youngest learners through developmental milestones, growing in self-regulation skills, and understanding "typical" behaviors are all part of what we do. In this session, we will look at Social Emotional Learning and developmentally appropriate spiritual formation for Generation Alpha. How do we meet this generation where they are and stimulate growth and maturity? Let's find out together!

Growth & Development

Teaching Generation Alpha

3 hours, PS-2

Do you still teach like it's 1999? Whether you are riding the wave of technology or watching from the beach, teaching our youngest students today has new challenges. This workshop is for teachers, parents, and administrators who are navigating the world of increasing tech use in daily life. Since technology is not going away, let's learn what we need to do in the classroom and the effects technology use is having on our youngest students.

Developing a Brain Friendly Classroom

3 hours, PS-12

By understanding how the brain develops, we can further understand how to create a classroom environment that meets the needs both cognitively and emotionally of our students at any age. Brain based learning strategies have changed teacher instruction & student retention by including the presentation of information in interesting & engaging ways.

Ages and Stages

3 hours, PS-6

It's not just you, even the most seasoned educators will at times find themselves scratching their heads as they ponder the actions of certain students. Journey with us as we explore crucial developmental milestones: cognitively, physically, socially, and emotionally. You'll come away with clear and concise descriptions of universal characteristics of children at varying ages and stages that you can use to develop age-appropriate lessons for YOUR students.

Deeper Reading: Comprehension Connections

3 hours, K-12

As teachers, we understand that our students need to make comprehension connections in all content areas. We will investigate using comprehension strategies and vocabulary to deepen student understanding of the material they are reading. We will also look at reader response questions and how they help students to focus, reflect, and think critically about fiction and non-fiction literature.

Balanced Literacy

6 hours, PS - 3

Do you struggle with finding a balance for teaching reading comprehension, vocabulary, phonemic awareness, phonics, and fluency all during your one hour scheduled reading time? This workshop will help you take your classroom to the next level of reading instruction. Guided reading strategies, grouping students at instructional level, and techniques for helping the struggling reader will be covered. Learn how to have a balanced approach in your literacy instruction.